

Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church
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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

April 12, 2020

8:00AM/10:30AM

AS WE GATHER: Christ is risen! It's hard to imagine someone who was killed on Friday rising to live again on Sunday. It has happened only once and is what we celebrate today: Jesus' resurrection. Jesus didn't keep His resurrection a secret. He appeared to many people. He appeared to Mary, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to Peter and the apostles, to His brother James, to more than five hundred people, and lastly to the apostle Paul. We believe Jesus rose from the dead because He said He would, because the Scriptures said He would, and because He appeared to many. Today we celebrate Jesus resurrection, His appearance.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: He died for our sins,

People: According to the Scriptures.

Pastor: He was buried in the tomb,

People: According to the definite plan of God.

Pastor: He rose from the dead

People: And appeared to many.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #457

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished," and on Easter our Father in heaven acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness is available to all who call out to God in Jesus' name. Let us therefore confess our sins.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: We confess that we have not walked in newness of life. We have failed to love You with all that we are and have, and we have not always remembered the new life You bestowed on us in Baptism.

Pastor: Lord Jesus,
People: We confess that we have not always sought the things that are above. We have failed to love our neighbors with our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit,
People: We have not always relied on Your power to amend our sinful lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, for we call out to You in Jesus' name.

Pastor: Christ has paid for all our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Heavenly Father, on the cross Your Son finished the sacrifice to pay for all our sins.

People: We remember Your promises; we give thanks for His sacrifice; we pray that Your Holy Spirit will enliven us to live as Your forgiven children here in time and forever in eternity;

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“Alleluia!

Miss Heidi

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”
Nathan Krug, soloist

(Handel)

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

"Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY #461, vs. 1,2,5,7,8

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY

“The Old Rugged Cross”
Amelia Sitzberger, trombone

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various conditions.

We remember before You, heavenly Father, all in whom Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in Your Son, especially all who rejoice in His victory over death and the grave. Renew in all of us new hearts and minds so that our celebrating will have no end.

People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

Pastor: We remember before You, Creator God, those who till the soil and tend the flocks, all who distribute the earth's bounty, and all who care for this good earth. Guide and direct them so that times of sowing and reaping, buying and selling, produce harvests that feed the nations.

People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

Pastor: We remember before You, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul. In sighs too deep for words, hear the depths of their distress, intercede for them, and grant them relief, restored health, personal dignity, and hope for the future.

People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

Pastor: We remember especially this day, risen Lord, Your glorious resurrection from the grave and Your presence with us now. Remind us each day of the new life You have given us so that we live in constant, joyful faith until we see You face-to-face.

People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Risen Savior, for Your mercy, sing we Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN #465

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring

And with the heavn'ly blessèd sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Thank you to this morning's Worship Participants:

Nathan Krug, soloist
Cathe Kuehn, trumpet
Amelia Sitzberger, trombone
Singers:
Dave Wangerin
Sarah Stohs
Kathleen Graf
Arick Groth
Annette Foshey
Dan Gall

Flowers Have Been Placed on the Altar this Easter...

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- ✠ Ken Adams, from Arlene Adams
- ✠ Doug Baker, from Jim & Mary Baker
- ✠ Alvira "Babe" Hackbarth and Rick Greve, from Doris Egan
- ✠ Barry Weissenborn and Mike & Shari Schmidtke, from Lohny & PJ Fredrick
- ✠ John Franklin Jennings, from Sherry Jennings
- ✠ Joe Roth, from Mike & Karen Johnson
- ✠ Our father's, Eugene Narlock & Ronald Klug, from Bob & Pat Klug
- ✠ Betty Nehls, Steve's mom, from Steve & Julie Nehls
- ✠ Inez & Ray Church, Tricia's parents, and Lucille Peck, Dale's mother, from Dale & Tricia Peck
- ✠ Judy Perry, wife and mother, from the Mills Perry family
- ✠ My dear husband, Loris Rather, from Lois Rather
- ✠ Martin Roedel, Daphne Sackett, Loren & Beulah Wessel & Waldo & Bernice Roedel, from Karen Roedel
- ✠ Larry Walters & Agnes Novotny from Mark, Heather & Ava Walters

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