



**HE IS
RISEN**

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Easter Sunday

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REMEMBER JESUS RISEN

AS WE GATHER

On this day Jesus rose from death but did not simply return to heaven. First, His angelic messengers reminded the women at the tomb what He had said. And then our Lord appeared to several of His followers throughout the day (and forty days to follow) so that they would remember that He was truly alive. Now He reminds us through Word and Sacrament that He is alive and with us each day. When we let the troubles of this world overtake us, it is as if we are forgetting His gracious promises. But in fact, by grace for Jesus' sake and our incorporation in the Body of Christ through Baptism, we are His new creation. Easter shouts that the past is forgiven and forgotten by God. Today is "The Day of Resurrection," on which we remember, rejoice, and "raise the victory strain."

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Easter Hallelujah"

RINGING OF THE BELL

EASTER WELCOME

+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE

P May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

GREETING

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

G Amen.

PRAYER

P 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.

G 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;

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

+ PREPARATION +

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OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1, 3

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

C **we too might walk in newness of life.**

P If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalms 51:17

P 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.

P Heavenly Father,

C **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.**

P Lord Jesus,

C **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.**

P O Holy Spirit,

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

HYMN OF PRAISE I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives st. 1

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, on the cross Your Son finished the sacrifice to pay for all our sins.

C **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;**

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(God creates anew; remember not the things of the past.) Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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st. 1

EPISTLE (Christ is the firstfruits of those who will be raised.) 1 Cor.15:14–26

¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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sts. 1, ref, 4

HOLY GOSPEL (Angels remind the women of Jesus’ words.) Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.

² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Christ is Arisen! Christ is Alive!" Larsen & Wren

SERMON "Remember Jesus Risen" 2 Timothy 2:8, 11

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P 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.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P We remember before You, Lord over all, those who are unjustly accused, imprisoned, or exiled from their homes. Raise up compassionate rulers to seek out all who languish in jails, prisons, and refugee camps, and grant them speedy justice, freedom, and return to their homes.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P 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.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P We remember before You, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul, [*especially* . . .]. 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.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P We remember before You, Lord Jesus, those who would have their way by force of arms or cunning of mind. Thwart their plans, guard the nations of the world, and let peace spring up with righteousness.

C **Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

P 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.

C **Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

P 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.

C **Risen Savior, for Your mercy, sing we Amen!**

*We share our Easter joy and peace with each other, saying,
"Peace be with you."*

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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st. 5

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You that on this day You cause us to remember and celebrate the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the firstfruits of those who sleep, whom we shall follow because Your gracious gift of eternal life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

465 Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds st. 1,4

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

464 The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done
 486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death
 633 At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing
 463 Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia
 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, To Thee

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us this gracious gift of life. Grant that, remembering our Savior's death and resurrection, we be strengthened to live each day, trusting You joyfully and loving one another fervently; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who called you to life, the Son who rose to lead you to eternity with Him, and the Holy Spirit, who has given you the faith to trust all the promises of God—be upon you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives sts. 1–3, 5, 8

DISMISSAL

- P** Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed!
- P** Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

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Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 76 M. Thur. 62 Gd. Fri 79 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$3,854 = Loose Plate \$115, Envelopes \$2,357, Mission \$110, Maintenance \$447, Par. Rent \$825.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday ~ Apr 26- Dick Gofton (his 91st), Thomas Hollingsworth, Katie McCoy, Mark Richardson; Apr 30- Jacob White; May 2- Karla Gath.

Thank you to all who donated to the Easter Flower fund in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving for family members and the celebration of the Easter. Those who donated feel free to pick up a plant following the 9:30 service.

Zion's 98th annual chicken dinner will be held Sunday, April 28th. There are signup sheets in the narthex for helpers. This year's proceeds will benefit the Toni & Trish House in Auburn for the care of the terminally ill, providing personal, selfless, compassionate care to each guest in a home-like environment where no one dies alone.

Men of Music Concert ~ Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1310 Ashman St. Midland will host the Men of Music featuring Harmony Diversity Choir to benefit the Toni & Trish House for the care of the terminally ill on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm. All proceeds from this concert will go to the Toni & Trish House. A free will offering will be taken.

Summer Camps at Valley Lutheran ~ Registration is currently underway for Valley Lutheran's middle school summer camps! Head to www.vlhs.com/camps to see this year's offerings, schedule, and to register! Art, drama, French, band, soccer, liturgical dance, and basketball are all on the docket for this year's programs! Please contact Amy Cooper at acooper@vlhs.com with any questions. We look forward to being a part of your summer.

Orphan Grain Train — Easter joy to everyone from Orphan Grain Train – Michigan. The Michigan branch of Orphan Grain Train is delighted to announce the first regular service hours established for the OGT Center located in Sebawaing. Beginning immediately this Easter week, the Center will be open every Tuesday and Thursday for volunteers interested in helping process humanitarian goods for relief of human need around the world. Operational hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Volunteers may come for a short time or remain all three hours with no obligation. Come any future Tuesday or Thursday. No prior preparation or contact is needed. The OGT Center is located at 126 E. Main St., Sebawaing. Volunteers do not need to commit themselves to anything beyond their own desire to participate. In loving response to Christ, Orphan Grain Train enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to people in need or facing crisis. For any questions, feel free to contact Branch Manager, Pastor Dave Reed by phone at 989-600-2264. Christ is Risen!