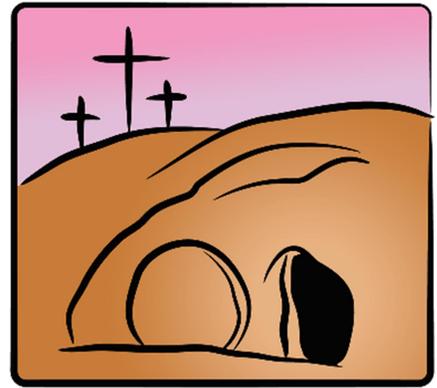


***The Resurrection of Our Lord:
Easter Day***

Easter Triumph!

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St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Hazen, North Dakota

AS WE GATHER

Without Easter, there is no hope. Without Easter, there is no real life. Simply put, without Easter, there's no Christianity. The Resurrection of Our Lord is the day on which the Church throughout the world celebrates the new reality we are given because Christ Jesus is indeed risen from the dead, never to die again! For many people, Easter Day is no different from any other day, except perhaps for a few special traditions involving a bunny, a ham, and an egg hunt for the kids. We know better, don't we? And we have a blessed opportunity today, don't we? As we gather for worship this morning, we confess our risen Lord and His saving Gospel before the world! May the world know what we know! Without Easter, we have nothing. Yet with Easter and because of Easter, we have everything! Forgiveness and new life are ours in Christ—both to receive and to share! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Although we are not receiving the Sacrament at this time, we consider the great gift God has given us and that we believe he will bless us with when this pandemic comes to a close. We do, sharpen our desire for His blessed meal and means of grace. Know that his grace comes to you in the Word of promise that you are forgiven. Whether we are able to meet in person or not; God extends his grace and the forgiveness of sins to you.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Processional Hymn

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465

St. 1: 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!

St. 2: 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!

St. 3: 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!

St. 4: 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!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The stone has been rolled away!

C: **The crucified is risen!**

P: Christ has conquered death by the cross!

C: **He has come out of the tomb!**

P: Christ has risen and will not die again!

C: **Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Confession And Absolution

Romans 6:10–11

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P: Merciful Father,

C: **we confess to You that we are nothing apart from You. Your Word describes us as spiritually blind, deaf, and dead by our very nature without Your saving grace. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have acted as if we do not need You. But we are wrong—dead wrong! Forgive us, Father, for our many sins against You and against one another. By the mercy You show us in the sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection of**

Jesus Christ, remind us again of the new life and salvation You have freely given. Cleanse and renew us by Your grace that we may rise to newness of life with our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

P: “For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Exodus 15:1b*

P: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;

C: the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; 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 holy 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 established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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C: the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

(The Lord will create the new heavens and earth.)

E: The Old Testament reading for Easter Sunday is from Isaiah, chapter sixty-five.

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But 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. I 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. No 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.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They 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.

They 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.

Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P: Alleluia! Christ has risen from the dead!

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor!

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands!

C: He has put all things under His feet! Alleluia!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

P: The Epistle reading is from First Corinthians, chapter fifteen.

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

P: Alleluia! Christ Jesus has abolished death! Alleluia!

C: Alleluia! He has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

(The stone has been rolled away, and Jesus is risen!)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 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? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 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, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

Hymn of the Day

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

LSB 487

St. 1: Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke
Jacob’s sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

St. 2: ’Tis the spring of souls today:

Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.

St. 3: Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to gladden faithful hearts
Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!

St. 4: For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.

St. 5: Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness

Sermon *“He Has Triumphed Gloriously!”*

Exodus 15:1-3

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.

Apostles Creed

**☩ 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. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

Psalm 91

☩ ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C ²**I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

P ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C ⁴**He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

P ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

C ⁶**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

P ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C ⁸**You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.**

P ⁹Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

C ¹⁰**no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

P ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C ¹²**On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

P ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

C ¹⁴**“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;**

I will protect him, because he knows my name.

P ¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C ¹⁶**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”**

Benediction

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C: Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” *LSB 457*

St. 1: 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!

St. 2: 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!

St. 3: 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!

△St. 4: 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!