Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter
April 12, 2020

He is not here; he has risen!

Luke 24:6
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INTRODUCTION
This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

COMMEMORATION THIS WEEK
Check the HCLC Facebook page for a live video on each commemoration day.

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Sunday, April 19, 2020
Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church
These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

WE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
Lift High the Cross
Jennifer Quiñones, piano
Jeremy Shoop, organ

LISTENING WITH CHILDREN’S EARS
CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Assembly: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Shout it from the mountaintops!
Assembly: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Pastor: Make it echo off canyon walls!
Assembly: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Pastor: Let it soar on the wings of eagles!
Assembly: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Pastor: Plant it deep in your hearts!
Assembly: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Pastor: Let all the earth proclaim its joy!
Assembly: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Hallelujah
GATHERING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has
therefore our heart with rapture sings: “Christ has
set heart and will on things above that we
and with the heav’n-ly blessed sing: “Christ has
triumpht! He is living!” Sing, choirs of
triumpht! He is living!” Now still he
conquer through your triumph; grant grace suf-
triumpht! Al-le-lu-ia!” Be to the
angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory
comes to give us life and by his presence stills all
fi-cient for life’s day that by our lives we truly
Fa-ther, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most ho-ly
here: “Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!”
strife. “Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!”
say: “Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!”
God, all the glo-ry, nev-er end-ing!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623
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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:   Let us pray.
O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Assembly:  Amen.
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is ris’n to-day, Alleluia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
4 Sing we to our God a bove, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Our sal va tion have procured; Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Sin ners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
Where the an gels ev er sing, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., stls. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davídica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davídica*, 1708
Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 
but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 
You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 
That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 
We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 
but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 
not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 
He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 
All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

1Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
   God’s mercy en- | dures forever.  
2Let Israel | now declare,  
   “God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”
The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.
Assembly: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4
Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

Reader: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

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

Reader: Word of God, word of life.
Assembly: Thanks be to God.
Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

4 Lives a-gain our glo-rious king! Where, O death, is ſ now your sting?

Once he died our souls to save; where your vic-to-ry, O grave?

SERMON

Easter Blessings
HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the
2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught with-

victory thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment
greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors,

Rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan

Refrain

where thy body lay, death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring
to thy home above.

Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Assisting Minister: God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: We still weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence. We pray especially for those we name before you (the assembly offers names). Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this day: musicians, ushers, greeters, worship assistants, preachers, readers, and all others who provide welcome and hospitality in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.
Here, other intercessions may be offered. You are invited to add a petition out loud or pray for something in your heart. Petitions do not need to be long or thought out. Bring whatever you need to God at this time.

Assisting Minister: Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Pastor: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And also with you.

We share God’s peace

Please sit

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
Christ the Lord is Risen Today! by Hal Hopson

Vocal Ensemble

Please stand

OFFERTORY Tune: EASTER HYMN

Assembly: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray.
Merciful God,
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.
Feed us again at this table
for service in your name,
in the strength of the risen Christ.

Assembly: Amen.

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;
    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.
The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

1. The strife is o’er, the battle done; now is the victor’s
   triumphant songs begun. Alleluia!

2. The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions
   has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3. The three sad days have quickly sped; Christ rises glorious
   from the dead. All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

4. Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high
   portals fell. Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, from death’s sting free your
   servants too, that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

After the final stanza

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Christ is risen! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Assembly: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive!

by J. Wayne Kerr

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