

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER SUNDAY
9 APRIL 2023

Alleluia

He is

Risen

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #660 “LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”

(Turn and face the cross as it is processed down the aisle.)

YOUTH SERMON – RETURN OF THE ALLELUIA

EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN #365 “JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

**C: He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection!
Alleluia!**

P: Rejoice then, even in your distress.

C: We are counted worthy because Christ came.

P: God has claimed us as his own.

C: God has called us from our darkness into the light of day.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**♩ This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: 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.

C: Amen

READINGS

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

L: A reading from Acts.

Then 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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (*READ RESPONSIVELY*)

Give thanks to the Lord,
for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures 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.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

L: A reading from Colossians.

So 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

HYMN #367 “NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(Each petition ends: P: Risen Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

♩ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♫ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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.**

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED TODAY.

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♫ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

HYMN #836 "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

HYMN #385 "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING!"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #619)

**♫ 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!**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #376 “THINE IS THE GLORY”

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE



Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

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This Week At A Glance

Wednesday	10:00	Naomi Circle at Diane Christensen's am home
	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Education committee at Faith
	7:30 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	8:30 pm	High School Bible Study at Faith
Thursday	6:00 pm	Outreach committee at Our Savior's
	6:30 pm	Worship committee at Our Savior's
	7:00 pm	Council meetings at Our Savior's
Sunday	8:00 am	Our Savior's Worship Service
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30	Faith Worship Service

Those to keep in prayer: Eldon Pewe; the homebound: Norman Boussetot, Carol Christensen, Shirley Ferguson, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Petersen, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military, Nick Timmerman.

Pastor Dennis Rodenberg (563.880.5345) may be called in case of emergencies or funerals while Pastor Leah is on maternity leave.

Our Savior's and Faith have gathered jars of **peanut butter** (chunky or smooth, any size, any brand) for the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland through Easter Sunday. It will be delivered on Tuesday, April 11th.

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, April 16th.

The **Youth-led Worship Service** will be Sunday, April 23rd, at Faith. The Sunday School children will sing.

The Great Discovery

by William Barclay

Matthew 28:1–10 (NRSV): Late on the Sabbath, when the first day of the week was beginning to dawn, Mary from Magdala and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And, look you, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his garment was as white as snow. Those who were watching were shaken with fear, and became as dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said he would. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He is risen from among the dead. And, look you, he goes before you into Galilee; there you will see him.' Look you, I have told you." So they quickly went away from the tomb with fear and with great joy, and they ran to tell the news to his disciples. And, look you, Jesus met them. "Greetings!" he said. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Fear not! Go tell my brothers to go away into Galilee, and there they will see me."

Here we have Matthew's story of the empty tomb. And there is something peculiarly fitting in that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary should be the first to receive the news of the Risen Lord and to encounter him. They had been there at the Cross; they had been there when he was laid in the tomb; and now they were receiving love's reward; they were the first to know the joy of the Resurrection.

As we read this story of the first two people in the world to be confronted with the fact of the empty tomb and the Risen Christ, three imperatives seem to spring out of it.

(i) They are urged to believe. The thing is so staggering that it might seem beyond belief, too good to be true. The angel reminds them of the promise of Jesus, and confronts them with the empty tomb; his every word is a summons to believe. It is still a fact that

there are many who feel that the promises of Christ are too good to be true. That hesitation can be dispelled only by taking him as his word.

(ii) They are urged to share. When they themselves have discovered the fact of the Risen Christ, their first duty is to proclaim it to and to share it with others. "Go, tell!" is the first command which comes to the man who has himself discovered the wonder of Jesus Christ.

(iii) They are urged to rejoice. The word with which the Risen Christ meets them is Chairete; that is the normal word of greeting; but its literal meaning is "Rejoice!" The man who has met the Risen Lord must live for ever in the joy of his presence from which nothing can part him any more.

Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT) – Public Domain