

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, The Resurrection of Our Lord

First and Messiah Lutheran Churches

Sunrise at 6:30 am Zoom ID 836 4611 5132 passcode-church; Easter Worship at 10:30 am using Zoom ID 893 4116 2685 passcode-church **Parking Lot Worship at Washburn Elementary School at 9:00 am.** Tune in to 88.5 FM radio.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" vs 1, 2 & 4

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!

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!

4- Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Call to Reconciliation

There are ways in which we have denied God's presence in our lives, with words, actions, and harm we offer others. Yet on this day, God in Christ heals us, fills us with grace, and calls us by name. We now bring all we have done, so God might forgive us. We pray together, saying, O Lord, **there are times when we cannot sense your resurrection hope. On this day of new wonders and everlasting grace, God of our lives, may we be glad that you have not forgotten us. May we rejoice in the ancient promises which are proclaimed afresh this morning. May we turn our hearts toward Jesus, the Gardener of grace, who calls us by name and pours resurrection love into us.** *Silence*

On this Easter, on this day, as on every day; God turns to us, calls us by name, and plants forgiveness and hope in our lives. **Alleluia! This is the good news! Christ is our peace, the peace we need, the peace which will heal the world. Alleluia! Christ is Risen. Amen.**

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.** For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord. Help, save and defend us O God. **A...men!**

Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory forever more! 1-Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. Refrain

2-Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain

3-For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

Refrain.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Dear Lord, **this is the day angels bring light into our shadows. This is the day you awaken us with unexpected grace. This is the day you have made, the day when life triumphs over death, when love pushes aside fear, when hope walks with us in every moment. On this day, you wait, as we seek to understand this mystery which leaves us scratching our heads, until we turn to you and discover all we need to know when you call us by our names. On this day, you whisper to us of love which rolls away fears. For you, oh God in community, Holy in one, we give thanks, Amen.**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.'

The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-7 P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Reconcile, Rather Than Retaliate

Hymn: Now All the Vault

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! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

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!

Prayers of Intercession

Meal

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1-As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.
Refrain 2-Let this be a foretastes of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain.

Offering Prayer: **Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The Communion: Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer: **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Sending

People of God, you have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer you who lives, but it is Christ who lives in you. May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.** (Galatians 2:20)

Sending Hymn: Thine is the Glory

1-Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Refrain Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won! 2-Lo, Jesus meets thee risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth death hath lost its sting! Refrain 3-No more we doubt thee glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain

Easter Pre-Recorded Service Available on websites by evening of April 3. "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy, worship leaders- Karen Anderson, Jon Hove, Jack Gunderson, Rollin Larson & Hans Veenendaal. Children's video will include our kids waving palm branches.

Sunday, April 11, Weekly Covid-Safe In-house Worship Services resume (unless a Covid spike forces us to return to virtual worship) 9:00 am at Messiah: Call 715 373-5378 to make a reservation. 10:45 am at First Lutheran: Call Ken at 715-774-3424 to make a reservation.



