

**Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**Worship & Communion**  
**March 31, 2024**  
**7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness (LBW)**

*P:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*P:* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

*P:* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P:* Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P:* Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**\* Gathering Hymn # 365**

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

**\* Greeting ELW page 147**

**\* Kyrie ELW page 147**

**\* This is the Feast ELW page 149**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all 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. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**

**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

**The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43**

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:14-24**

L: <sup>14</sup> *The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*

**C: <sup>15</sup> Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

L: <sup>16</sup> *the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"*

**C: <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

L: <sup>18</sup> *The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.*

**C: <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: <sup>20</sup> *This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.*

**C: <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

L: <sup>22</sup> *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**C: <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**ALL: <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**15** Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, **2** and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

**3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. **8** Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. **9** For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. **11** Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **The Gospel Acclamation** P. 151

\* **The Gospel Announcement:**

\* P: The Holy Gospel is heard according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson:** John 20:1-18

**20** Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." **3** So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. **4** Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, **7** and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb

first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

\* P: The Gospel of the Lord.           **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn: # 382**           *(verse 1 only)*

**"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"**

**The Sermon**           **"Everything Changed On Easter Sunday"**  
*(text: John 20:1-18)*

**Pastor William Shields**

\* **The Apostle's Creed**

\* **The Hymn of the Day # 380**

**"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"**

**The Offering**

\* **Offering Response # 186**

**"Create In Me A Clean Heart"**

\* **The Prayers** *As each petition ends with "Lord, in Your mercy," please respond with "Hear our prayer."*

\* **Words of Institution**

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

**The Communion** *In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who share our faith are welcome. Those communing should hold their hand out to receive the bread, gluten free wafers are available. Others will receive a blessing. Each tray holds red wine and white grape juice. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 367, 369, 377, 392, and 391.*

\* **The Blessing** P. 114

\* **Benediction**

\* **The Sending Hymn # 376**

**"Thine Is The Glory"**

\* **The Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Go and tell that Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able.