



If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome!

Welcome to Easter Worship at Adoration! We are glad you've joined us for this pinnacle celebration of our faith! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Introduction to the Day

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As we celebrate the good news of Christ being raised from the dead, we learn of the centrality of Easter to all parts of our Christian faith and life! As theologian Anna Madsen has coined, "Death is real. On Easter, Life is real-er."

*The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Festival Worship*

Today's worship service uses our red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Prelude

Barbara Regent

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Call to Worship – "Glory to God, Glory in the Highest"

You are invited to stand.

The Easter Gospel: Luke 24:1-5

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God is alive. New birth is given. Hope is alive. A new age is dawning.

Joy is alive. Redemption is here. Love is alive. We are alive. New life is within us.

Come, let us praise the Lord, let us worship our risen Savior, for death has given away to life, despair has been overwhelmed by hope, grief has been replaced by joy, and darkness has been dispelled by light!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn

ELW #365

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

We are baptized once, but every Sunday, we are reminded of our baptism. In the season of Easter, where we celebrate God's "Yes" to life and the power of resurrection, we begin our worship with the Thanksgiving for Baptism, a reminder of God's many saving works using water's creative power and the work of the Holy Spirit. We use this special baptism thanksgiving prayer crafted for use amid the war and tragedy of the invasion of Ukraine.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, joined to Christ and to one another in the waters our of baptism, we yet call to mind a world so filled with suffering—from war and violence, Covid and hunger, homelessness and prejudice, national disaster and personal loss.

We who are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we plead for the Spirit to strengthen us by the mystery of Christ's resurrection.

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water is poured into the font

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

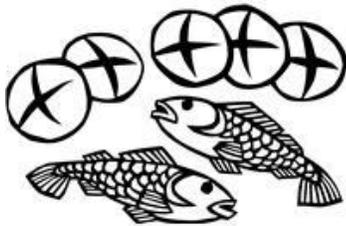
Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen

The Resurrection of Our Lord begins the season of Easter—a time of praise and celebration as we give thanks for our Lord's triumph over sin and death. Throughout these Great 50 Days, we sing "This is the Feast," filled with imagery and quotations from the Book of Revelation.



Canticle of Praise This is the Feast (ELW Setting 8)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Through the prophet Isaiah, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace. These words come after God's people have been restored after the exile.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Risen Christ, You have defeated death and made us witnesses to your joyous resurrection, Alleluia!**

Though we do not often believe

and we cling, perplexed, to what we know,

you kindly call us by name and remind us who we are.

Alleluia! You have answered our prayers and given us salvation. Alleluia!

May we be glad and rejoice forever in the new world You are creating, shouting your good news to all. Alleluia! Amen

Please be seated.

Welcome & Announcements

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, speaking to God's people after their return from exile.

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² 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. ²³ They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;



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.

Young people are called forward for an age-specific reflection.

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Chancel Choir Anthem

Christus Resurrexit

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

You are invited to stand.

Gospel Acclamation ELW #619

I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Verses 1-2

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.



The Nicene Creed was first spoken in worship during services of Holy Communion. Today the Church reserves this confession of faith for festival days and seasons such as Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, and Ascension.

The Easter Gospel: Luke 24:6-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[The men in dazzling clothes were speaking to the women at the tomb, saying,] “⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again?”

⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Verses 3—4

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #454

Remember and Rejoice

You are invited to stand.

Nicene Creed

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.

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With uplifting hands, we pray...

For further casualties suffered by combatants and civilians in Ukraine...

For those who suffer or grieve interpersonal violence...

For areas suffering wind and storm damage...

For those navigating chronic, invisible, or progressive illnesses...

For those grieving loved ones killed by terrorist gunfire in Tel Aviv...

For youth who are navigating questions of identity, gender, and sexual orientation, and for the trusted adults who support them...

For our Muslim siblings as they begin the observance of Ramadan...

Mary Binter Robinette (friend of the Regents); Kerri; Dick Voegeli; Kathy Imp; Dick Kaquatosh; John Imp; Jan Rinderle; Pat (cousin of Donna Babilus); Lindsay Pelaez (niece of Tim and Katie Schmidt); Betty Wing; Joani Bettin; Joyce Weinert; Darlene Witkowiak; Bob Bauer; Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law); Bill (friend of the Lazaris family); Jeremy (nephew of Tom Nowakowski); Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister); Susan (daughter of Darlene Witkowiak); Caroline (daughter of Jill Lindberg); Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris); Shelby (friend of Crystal); and the Daniels family, specifically Taylor.



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

In this season of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

After each petition is read, name your specific prayers for the petition aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. We pray for the church.

Add your prayers for its leaders, mission, and unity.

Excite and inspire us to share your abundant life.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life.

We pray for creation.

Name your prayers for the planet and all living things.

Nourish us so we can restore your awe-inspiring Creation.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sheltering Spirit, you enter into locked rooms and places filled with fear. We pray for the world: its nations and peoples.

Name your prayers for countries and conflicts and peoples.

Empower us to accompany all in turmoil throughout the world.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.



Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those who suffer in any way.

Name your prayers for healing and wholeness

Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. We pray for this community of faith.

Name your prayers for Adoration and our partners and the wider community.

Fill us with sense of joy and wonder in exploring new paths of discipleship. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. We pray for all the faithful witnesses who now rest in you.

Name those who have recently died and those grieving.

Plant the seeds of resurrection in the soil of our grief-filled hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

Special Music

An Easter Hallelujah- Ted Lazaris

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to stand.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.**

Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



Present in worship as early as the fourth century, words of the Sanctus combine Isaiah's vision of God in the Old Testament and words of the Palm Sunday crowds: "Hosanna!"—meaning "Save us, we beg!" Today God saves us and makes us God's people forever in the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.



You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

Words of Institution

Epiklesis (*Come, Holy Spirit*)

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

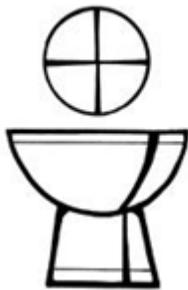
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, and fill us with your blessing, until, in need no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children are welcome to come forward, either to receive a blessing or to receive Holy Communion.

All are welcome at Christ's table, and at Adoration!

Here at Adoration, we practice "Open Communion," which means we welcome anyone to receive bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, the grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.



We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.

You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice. Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server. All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion

You are invited to stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Lori Wargolet

Ushers: Bill & Kathy
Wakefield

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Hear us, O God. **Hear us, O God.**

Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

Sustain us to serve all in need.

Sustain us to serve all in need.

Give us your life. **Give us your life.**



Hear these words of God's blessing and receive their power:

God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth. God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life. God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

God, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW#376

Thine is the Glory

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



THANK YOU to the following people who purchased flowering plants and crafted wreaths to help decorate our sanctuary on this glorious Easter morning: Sharon Anderson, Donna Babilus, Gloria & George Becker, Judy & Jim Goodwin, Wendy & Jim Haas, Linda Kolar-Wood, Mardy & Ted Lazaris, Jeanette & Tom Nowakowski, Deanna & Rebecca Posig, Barb & Rich Regent, Pastors Matt & Delaney Schlake-Kruse, Kathy Smith, Tania Voigt & Craig Beyler, and Connie & Bob Yersin.

Each plant will have a tag with your name on it, so you can find it and take it home after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Please see Barb Regent if you have any questions in regard to which plant you purchased. Thanks, again everyone!

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