



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!

Today's service includes Easter Lessons and Carols. As we hear different parts of scripture discussing the power of Christ's 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
Sunrise Service of Lessons and Carols***

Today's worship service is contained within the bulletin.
You can find hymns in our red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Gathering

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

We gather in the space outside the sanctuary to begin worship.

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

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!**

We Enter the Sanctuary

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let us worship our risen Savior, for death has given away to life, despair has been overwhelmed by hope, grief has been replaced by joy, and darkness has been dispelled by light!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***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 Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-19; 23-25

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.

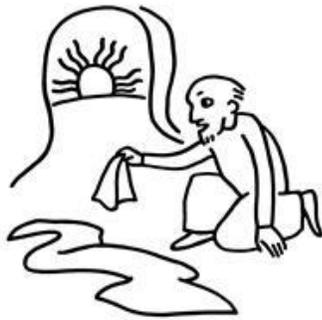
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

²³ [My people] shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

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.



This psalm is a song of thanksgiving for victory. Likely used after a battle, in which “the right hand of the LORD,” presumably brandishing a weapon, has conquered. Christians understand that Christ has conquered the powers of sin and death, and medieval art depicted Christ rising from the tomb holding up a cross-shaped standard. This resurrection day is the day that the LORD God has made.



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.**

Second Lesson: Psalm 118:14-26

Let us read from Psalm 118 responsively.

The Mighty God is my strength and my might and has become my salvation.

The sound of song and salvation is in the tents of the righteous. “The right hand of the Most High is mighty. The right hand of the Mighty God is exalted. The right hand of the Most High is Mighty.”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Ancient of Days.

The Merciful God has punished me severely, but to death did not hand me over.

Open to me the gates of righteousness—that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Fount of Justice.

This is the gate of the Living God—the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you for you have answered me.

You have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Mighty God’s doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Creator of All has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us we pray, Saving One!

Generous One, we pray: grant us prosperity!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God Who is Holy!

We bless you from the house of the Ever-Living God.

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

Hymn ELW #367

Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds, Verses 1, 3, & 4

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.



This part of Paul's letter to the Corinthian church is not a part of the regular Easter pericopes, lifts up the meaning and value of resurrection using the agricultural imagery of seed, seemingly dead after planting, emerges with new life and fruit for the world.

Third 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.**

Fourth Lesson: First Corinthians 15:35-44

A reading from the Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

³⁵But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

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

This section of Romans, typically used during baptisms, describes the way Christ's dying and rising also impact our relationship with God and our new reality—that death no longer has the last word.



This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Hymn ELW #379

Now The Green Blade Rises

Fifth Lesson: Romans 6:5-11

A reading from the Paul's letter to the Romans.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin.

⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Sixth Lesson: First Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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



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.



You are invited to stand.

Gospel Acclamation: ELW# 377

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen **Verses 1 & 4**

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.**

Please be seated.

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.

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

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



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.

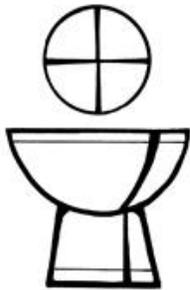
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Hymn During Communion

ELW #619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives (verses 1-4)



You are invited to stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Craig Beyler

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Altar Guild: Deanna Posig



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Adoration is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, open and affirming to people of "all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions" or "LGBTQIA+." We strive that this can be a safe church space, especially for those who have been harmed by religion.



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 Babilius, 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 regarding which plant you purchased. Thanks, again everyone!



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