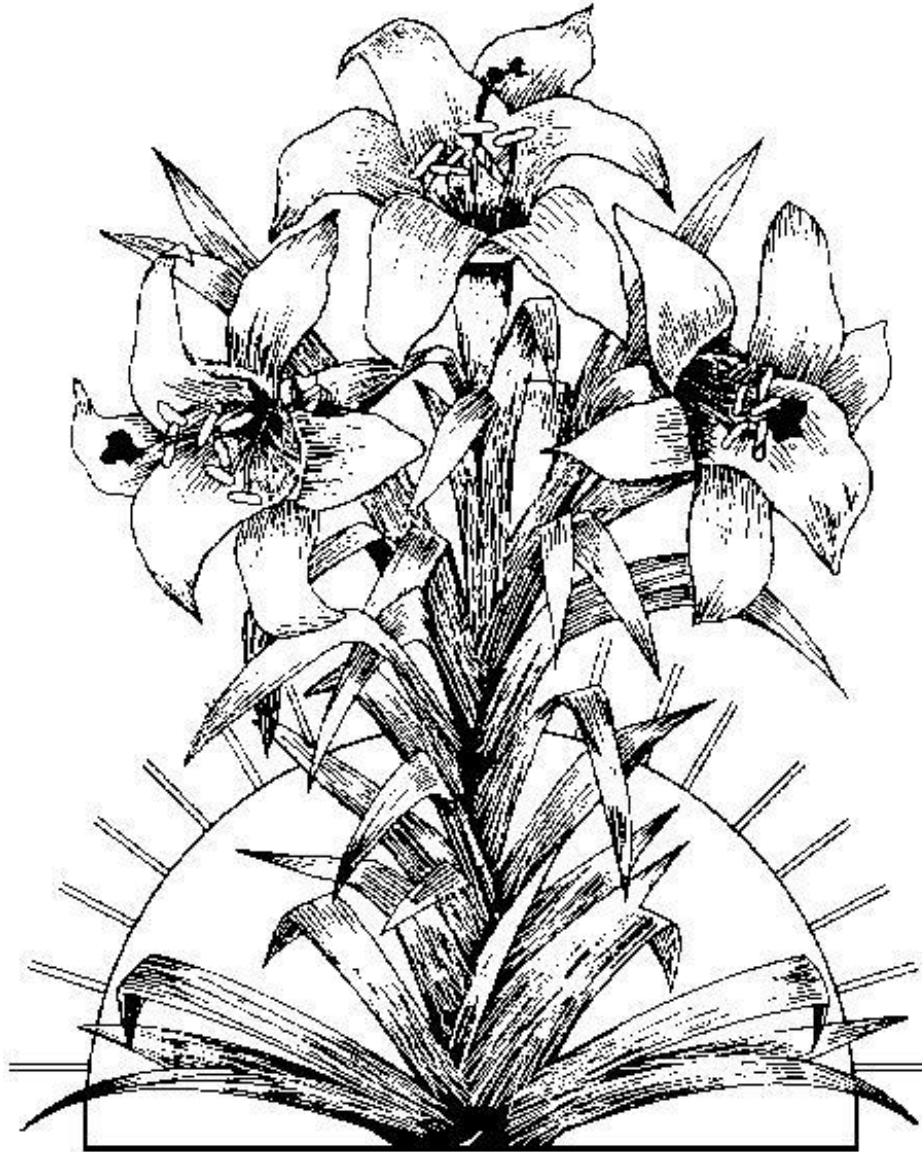


# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

## EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE

March 31, 2024

8:00AM



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
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Faribault, MN 55021

**Theme of the Day:**

Today's goal is to both *profess* Easter and *possess* Easter. Easter happened.  
That's *profess*. Easter is happening in me. That's *possess*!

**TRINITY CHOIR "He Is Not Here"****EASTER GREETING** *[spoken from the back of the church]*

P: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*[During our sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. On this Easter Sunday we employ selected verses from Psalm 118.]*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation!

**C: The LORD'S right arm has done marvelous things!**

P: The LORD'S right arm is raised in triumph.

**C: The LORD'S right arm has done marvelous things!**

P: We will not die; instead, we will live to tell what the LORD has done.

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

P: This is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day the LORD has made.**

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**C: Christ is risen!**

P: He is risen, indeed!

**Please stand**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"** LSB 457 (stanzas 1–4)

*[Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the lobby to the chancel.]*

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: Forgive me, merciful and mighty father, when my besetting sins entangle me and completely surround me.

**C: Who will rescue?**

P: Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive your gifts but so unwilling to bear the cross.

**C: Who will rescue?**

P: Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to you; when I doubt that you really see my sin; when I disobey your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.

**C: Who will rescue me?**

P: Forgive me, Lord, when I am quick to find fault but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play but so late in prayer.

**C: Who will rescue me?**

P: Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

**C: Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.]*

P: Who will rescue you and me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, he delivers us through Jesus Christ! By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. This is the day the LORD has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Please sit**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT VICTORY IN CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

#### **EXODUS 15:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,  
"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup>"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup>The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

<sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

*(continued...)*

- <sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup>The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
- <sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- <sup>11</sup>"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"
- <sup>12</sup>You stretched out your right hand;  
the earth swallowed them.
- <sup>13</sup>"You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- <sup>14</sup>The peoples have heard; they tremble;  
pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- <sup>15</sup>Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;  
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;  
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- <sup>16</sup>Terror and dread fall upon them;  
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,  
till your people, O LORD, pass by,  
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.
- <sup>17</sup>You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD will reign forever and ever."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

<sup>55</sup>"O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power  
of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55–58

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be  
steadfast, immovable, always abounding  
in the work of the Lord, knowing that in  
the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## † GOSPEL PROCESSION †

*[The Gospel is read in the middle of the congregation, indicating Christ's living presence in our midst. Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the chancel and back.]*

### Please stand

**HYMN** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LSB 465 (stanza 1)

### GOSPEL

### MATTHEW 28:1–10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then

go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

*(continued...)*

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LSB 465 (stanza 4)**

***Please sit***

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN “The Day of Resurrection” LSB 478 (stanzas 1-4)**

**SERMON**           The Tenth Part in the Series Exodus: Let My People Go!  
                          **“AGAINST ALL ODDS!”** (Exodus 15:1–18)  
                          *The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**OFFERING “We Welcome Glad Easter” TRINITY CHOIR**

***Please stand***

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER**           *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: Together we celebrate the Lord's Supper, confident that we receive Jesus' body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. With it, we also receive the forgiveness of sins and a stronger bond to God and each other. Through this supper we confess and share in our faith with one another, trusting in Jesus' words for the forgiveness of our sins. As Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, we require that those who receive the Lord's Supper share in the beliefs that we hold.

P: So, hear now the words of our Lord Jesus spoken at the time of the Last Supper:

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Welcome to the Table of the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI "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.

*Please sit*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633 (stanzas 1-8)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461 (stanzas 1-8)

After the distribution—please stand

### DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: Receive the blessing of the Lord:

And now, may the God of peace  
who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
equip you with all you need for doing His will.

May He produce in you,  
through the power of Jesus Christ,  
all that is pleasing to Him.

To Him be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13: 20-21

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please sit*

**CLOSING HYMN**     **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**     *LSB 469 (stanzas 1-3, 6)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**✝ To GOD Alone Be All Glory ✝**

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**Everyone is invited to Easter Breakfast**

**9-10:30 a.m.**

**Trinity Gymnasium**

**Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Fruit and Beverage.**

**Free Will Offering for Human Care**

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| <b>Pastor</b> The Rev. Peter Gueldner                   | <b>Music</b> Nancy Simonson; Trinity Choir | <b>Elder</b> Curt Becher           |
| <b>Worship Assistants</b> Brent Peterson, Dave Simonson | <b>Soundboard</b> Chrysteena Saehler       |                                    |
| <b>Lector</b> Dan Saehler                               | <b>Greeters</b> Gail Solem, Bob Sommers    | <b>Ushers</b> Bob Blume, Neal Weeg |