

Easter Sunday



He Qi – *Empty Tomb*

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Easter Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Easter Anthem

"Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!"

Sanctuary Singers

Affirmation of Baptism

L: We begin by making the sign that was made on the day of our baptisms.
We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: As we see the light the Christ candle, we remember the words that were said when we were baptized:

C: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

L: Brothers and sisters, in Baptism, God brings us into his family and calls us his own. By Baptism, God gives us the gifts of faith, love, life, forgiveness, and strength, and asks to respond in faithfulness to him and in service to others.

I ask those who are affirming their baptisms today, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- + to live among God's faithful people;
- + to hear his Word and share in his supper;
- + to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- + to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- + and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

ELW #369 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Illumination

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Living God, on that first Easter morning, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was forever changed. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our spirits as joyful.

C: **Amen.**

Advent Ringers

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Acclamation

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Morning Chimes

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Let’s Talk!

Opening the Alleluias!

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Message

Song of the Day

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free,
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Chorus

Chorus Repeats

Prayers of the Faithful

L: God of resurrection and new life, with faces touched by the light of a new day, and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, we come before you to pray for the needs of friends and families and for neighbors here and throughout our world.

A brief silence.

L: Into the light of Easter morning, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, and poverty are the experiences of everyday life. May the light of Christ,

C: shine upon them.

L: Into the light of Easter morning, we raise those who are struggling with illness, with despair over their lives, or with the breakdown of relationships.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Millie Bradshaw | ▪ Jacob Mosher |
| ▪ William Brady | ▪ Terry Mosher |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Terry Park |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Rosemary Parkinson |
| ▪ Rosemary Martin-Fountain | ▪ Noel Petrea |
| ▪ Dwight Hartsell | ▪ Joann, Chris & Peter Pilachowski |
| ▪ Carol Hollingsworth | ▪ Joyce Quigley |
| ▪ Gary Homesley | ▪ Bishop Tim Smith |
| ▪ Donnell Horton | ▪ Anne Steele |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ Bobbi Larson | ▪ Laura Tucker |
| ▪ Gabe Lynch | ▪ Herbert Watson |
| ▪ Darryl May | ▪ Renate Wilson |

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: Thanksgiving at the birth of Joanna Ruth Knoespel, granddaughter of Debbie Round, born March 27.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Hal Derrick, President of the National Lutheran Men in Mission, who died unexpectedly on March 26.
- Barbara Weller, wife of the President of the NC Lutheran Men, who died on March 30

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: May the light of Christ,

C: shine upon them.

L: God of resurrection and new life, with faces touched by the light of a new day,
and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, may we be your Easter people
now and always.

C: Amen

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

"You Are Lord"

Sanctuary Singers

Table Prayer

L: Alleluia is not just a word. It is a way of living.

L: When communities are brought together,

C: Alleluia!

L: When enemies are reconciled,

C: Alleluia!

L: When friends are reunited,

C: Alleluia!

L: When peace is celebrated,

C: Alleluia!

L: When the hungry are fed,

C: Alleluia!

L: When the naked are clothed,

C: Alleluia!

L: When the Table is set,

C: Alleluia!

L: When the bread broken,

C: Alleluia!

L: When the cup is blessed,

C: Alleluia!

L: When we live as Christ body in the world,

C: Alleluia!

The Words of Institution

"Come and See"

L: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room. He took the bread and blessed it as he said, "Here's my body broken for you." He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed his head and prayed. And then he said, "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sin away."

Congregational Response



1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
 2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the



Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
 Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,



bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
 bow - ing down be - fore him.



Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,



Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

"Lamb of God"

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ

Chords: A², F#m¹¹

sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

Chords: D², E², A

take a - way the sin of the world.
 I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
 Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Chords: F#m¹¹, D², E

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

Chords: A², E/F#, F#m¹¹, D, D/E, E, A

mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Chords: E/F#, F#m¹¹, D², E, A, E/F#, F#m¹¹, D

Last time to coda ♪

mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. 3 The

Chords: D/E, E, D/F#, Esus, E, A, F#m¹¹, D², E, D.C.

♪ *Coda*

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Chords: D/F#, Esus, E, A, F#m¹¹, D², E, A²

Communion Hymns

"You Are My All in All"
ELW #471 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*
ELW #483 *"Here Is Bread"*
"Come Just As You Are"

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

The Benediction

L: May the life-giving power of God,
which raised Jesus from the dead,
strengthen you with hope,
enrich you with love,
and fill you with joy, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Alleluia He Is Coming"

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-coming
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-coming down the road

Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here
Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-weeping
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-weeping for my sins

Chorus

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-dying
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-dying on the cross

Chorus

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-rising
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave

Chorus

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**