

Christ
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Lord *is*
RISEN
Today

Easter Day Festival Service
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Eastpointe, Michigan

Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another
Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day Festival

April 4, 2021

Prelude

“Trumpet Finale”

D. Gabrielli

Easter Greeting

L: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Invocation and Prayer

L: In the Name of God the Father,

C: **Who created us;**

L: And in the Name of God the Son,

C: **Who redeemed us with His blood;**

L: And in the Name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: **Who sets us apart as God's Holy People,**

L: It is in the Name of our great Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we are gathered this day, in His presence, to celebrate His victory over sin, death and the devil, and our gift of eternal salvation in Christ.

C: Who is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"We Believe"

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear,
there is only one foundation: We believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation: We believe, we believe.

**Chorus: We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.**

So Let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing,
in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe. **Chorus All**

**Chorus: We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.**

Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised;
In the here and now let love invade. Let the church live love!
Our God, will see, "We believe! We Believe!"
And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

**We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back, coming back again, coming back again.
We believe, We believe!**

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The Easter Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the

tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Choral Easter Praise

Announcements

Children's Sermon and Attendance Registration

Please let us know you are watching by sending us a comment or an emoji.

Hymn of the Day

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground Christ's body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Sermon

"Be Not Alarmed"

Mark 16:6-8

Voluntary

[Personal notes and reflections]

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand
I shall not be shaken.” (Psalm 16.8)

How will you demonstrate this confidence in your Risen Savior this week?



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text “GIVE” to 1-586-800-2233
- Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
- Go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
- Through your Pay Pal account
- Scan this Quick Response (QR) code

These will connect you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account or use your credit or debit card (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

Offertory

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

[LSB 633, vv. 1 & 7]

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter Joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s power, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

L: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

L: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Live in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Blessed be our Lord and Savior Jesus from everlasting to everlasting. He was delivered up for our trespasses, raised for our justification, and has now authorized me to proclaim this good news to you: Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers

L: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

(after each petition)

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

L: We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in this festive gathering, and with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns through all eternity.

C: For Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah. Amen.

Celebration Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

[LSB 474, vv. 1 & 2]

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! **Refrain**

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

L: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia.

C: And has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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

The Words of Institution

Celebration Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

[LSB 474, vv. 3 & 4]

Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

Easter Greeting

Pastor: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Private Prayer before Communing

Lord God, on that first Easter you brought joy to your people as they heard the good news of Christ’s resurrection. So grant us joy this day – joy that enriches our lives as we serve you ... joy that anticipates heaven’s eternal courts ... joy that covers our faces and fills our lives this days and forever. In our resurrected Lord’s name I pray. Amen.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

[LSB 461, vv. 1-4, 8]

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule His Church in love.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

He lives all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

“The Day of Resurrection”

[LSB 478]

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

Prayer as you go home

This meal proclaims your death, O Christ – your death for the world's sin. Give us voices to proclaim your life. Give us hearts to live your life. Give us will to spread your love. We bless you now and evermore. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:29-37 / John 20:19-31

Sermon Text: John 20:21-23 - Title: "*Peace with Purpose*"

*You are living in
the (your)
Mission Field*

*"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.
Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send YOU out into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)*

Virtual Sunday School

Find information on THE FLOCK at www.STL-eastpointe.org.

Clothing Closet open 2nd Saturday of the month – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Food Pantry open 3rd Saturday of the month – 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.,

**Drive Thru Communion – 3rd Sunday of the month
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Office will be closed on April 5th.

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Please be aware that the alarm will be set when office is closed,
and no activity is scheduled for the building!**

Our Confession of Faith

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

April 4, 2021

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is on Christ's work through his Word:

- Healing all who are stymied by fear, shame, pain, or grief.
- As we discover new ways to search the scripture together and care for our neighbor.
- As the Holy Spirit develops faith in children and youth – through family devotions, the FLOCK, and other means.
- For people and families to read from the Bible and pray together daily.

And we pray for the safety and wellbeing all students and educators.

And we remember those at both ends of life on this earth, the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering especially all pregnant mothers, those with COVID 19, and **Names (who are in hospice care).**

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** For the family of Derenda Thomas, mother of Ashley O'Connor, who was called home on 3/26. For the family of Stuart Morris, friend of Sharon Bordui, who was called home on 3/30.

✠**Praise and Thanksgiving:** On the birth of a daughter, Alessandra Loraine Hetzner, to Matt & Rachel Hetzner on March 25th – granddaughter to Pastor Mark & Monica. For the baptism of Leighton Elyse, daughter of Ryan & Ashley O'Connor on March 28th.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Diane Ustick, Carol Ferdinande, Glenn Koepplin, Kim Dunaway, Laura Thomas, Henry Bradychok, Loletta Hogan, Brenda Finger, Vada Habermas, Janet Semenjuck, Aletha Burbidge, Larry Cichocki, David Stolzenfeld (husband of Lori), Carole Frazho-Knupp (friend of Caroline Henze), Maxine Uniewski (friend of Larry Cichocki).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, Elsie Adams, Chris Huber, Don Habermas, John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Elsie Adams), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Emily Henze (daughter-in-law of Caroline).

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