

EASTER

SUNDAY



**He Is
Risen!**

Saint Thomas Lutheran

April 17, 2022

10 A.M.

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

We are here to serve our community. As you worship with us online, the Lord Jesus is at work, uniting us as friends and family. If you are curious to learn more out ministry in the community, go to www.stl-eastpointe.org, or like us on Face Book. To get your questions answered in a more personal way, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor/staff member to give you a call.

The Resurrection Of Our Lord Easter Day Festival

The time before worship is for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship.

The First Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Prelude

“Song of Triumph”

K. McChesney

Easter Greeting

(Spoken three times, each one louder than the previous.)

L: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

Processional Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

[LSB 457]

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

"This is the Feast"

[LSB 155]

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

The Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Anthem

"All Heaven Declares"

N. Richards/T. Richards/T. Fettke

Children's Sermon and Attendance Registration

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The Easter Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Procession (1st time cantor, 2nd time congregation)



L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Procession (1st time cantor, 2nd time congregation)



Sermon

"Our Everlasting Hope"

1 Corinthians 15:19-20

*If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

Anthem

"Behold Our God"

J. Baird/M. Baird/R. Baird/ S. Altrogge

The Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Prayers

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
(after each petition)

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

L: We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of those who have gone before us, those gathered with us around the globe this day, and with all those who will follow, bringing these petitions before You, dear Father,

C: **trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Offertory

"We Believe"

Solo: 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 All: 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.

Choir: 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 All: 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.

All: 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!

Words and Music by Travis Ryan, Matthew Hooper and Richie Fike

Arranged by Heather Sorenson

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+ Sacrament +

Lord's Prayer

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy we have been born again to a living hope:

C: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

L: "I am the first and the last, and the living one," says the Lord.

C: He died, and behold, he is alive forevermore.

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

Words of Institution

Pre-Communion Canticle

“The Risen Christ”

[vv. 1 – 3]

O breath of God, come fill this place; revive our hearts to know Your grace;
and from our slumber make us rise that we may know the risen Christ.

O word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You;
and give to us the bread of life that we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus’ name.
Let us reflect Your sacrifice that we may know the risen Christ.

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Anthem

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

J. Van Valey/S. Berry

“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 His 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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"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

[LSB 461, vv. 1, 2, 7, 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 and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

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!

Instrumental

Post-Communion Canticle

"The Risen Christ"

[vs. 4]

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite that we may know the risen Christ.

Dismissal

The Final Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Benediction

Hymn

"Crown Him, the Risen King!"

(Congregation watches for director's cue to join in)

All: Rejoice, the Lord is King! The Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Instrumental

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Instrumental

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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Easter Greeting

Pastor: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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April through June Mission Envelopes
ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES

NEXT SUNDAY

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Scripture Readings: John 20:19-31 / Revelation 1:4-18

Sermon Topic: "The Purpose" - Text: John 20:30-31

Pastor Mark Hetzner cordially invites you to attend

Faith Connection Experience

Saturday, April 30 - 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Faith Connection Experience is a six-hour group conversation on the basics of the Christian faith. Starting with the question "What does it mean to believe?" the day provides the opportunity to ask questions, listen to the thoughts of others, and re-think where we are in our walk with Jesus. Come expecting a) to experience a lively conversation, b) to ask your questions and c) to find the Spirit of God be active in you. We anticipate you will be energized and renewed. Refreshments will be served.

There is **NO** fee, though reservations are required, and you will be asked to read a brief journal article ("The Secretary, The Reporter, and The Hermit") in preparation for the workshop. A light breakfast, delightful, healthy snacks and lunch are included. Please contact Pastor Mark Hetzner (PastorMarkHetz@Hotmail.com) or cell (586-854-5624).

GriefShare Support Group

*Help and encouragement after the death of
a spouse, child, family member or friend.*

MONDAYS @ 2:30 p.m.

Offered jointly with **Dedicated** Senior Medical Center

VBS - Saint Thomas and Christ the King are having a combined Vacation Bible School this summer (June 20-24)! At VBS we'll learn about Jesus, our Savior, through five Bible stories, meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It's going to be fun, but it would be more fun with you there. Can you join us? Registration is \$25 per child. VBS is for children Pre3 - 2nd grade. We will be using the Christ the King campus, 20338 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Your personal prayer guide for the week of: April 17, 2022

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon Christ's people on earth:

- For the Holy Spirit to be at work enriching faith through our Easter Gatherings.
- Through our upcoming Faith Connection Live Mini-Retreat.
- For children to be raised in the nurture and encouragement of the Gospel.
- For new individuals to become members of the STL Prayer Chain.

And we remember all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Congratulations to Brian Elder and his daughter, Sophia, on their Baptism on April 4th.

✠ **God's Healing Hand on:** John Cherry, Marge Bittner, JoAnn Dieball, Lori Kucharek, Caroline Henze, Russel Semenjuk, Chris Huber, Betty Williams, Janet Semenjuk, Lisa Riviera (former member), Linda Taggart (former member), Rev. John Rumsey (father-in-law of Rev. Dietrick Gladden at Charity).

✠ **Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Karen Hubbard), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack).

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).

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Communion - Third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

"The Flock" for children and Cross†raining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

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