



*Easter Day Festival - April 9, 2023*

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# *The Resurrection Of Our Lord*

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

## **The First Reading**

**Mark 16:1-8**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And 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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And 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.

## **Prelude**

*“Joyful, Joyful, Christ is Risen”*

D. Wagner

## **Easter Greeting**

L: Christ is risen. Alleluia!  
C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
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## **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.**

**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

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### Children's Lesson and Attendance Registration

### The Easter Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

**Procession** (1<sup>st</sup> time cantor, 2<sup>nd</sup> time congregation)



L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Procession** (1<sup>st</sup> time cantor, 2<sup>nd</sup> time congregation)



**Sermon**

*"Not What They Were Expecting"*

**Matthew 28:5-6**

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."*

**Voluntary**

*"Behold our God"*

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

### KINGDOM THOUGHTS

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." **(Philippians 2:10-11)**

*In what ways will this happen in your life during this Holy Week?*



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1. Text "GIVE" to 1-586-800-2223
2. Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
3. Go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
4. Through your Pay Pal account
5. 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).

***The Scripture Reading***

**1 Corinthians 15:50-57**

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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 Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"*

LSB 941  
vv. 1, 3 & 4

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.

## Interlude

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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# + Sacrament +

## The 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**

*“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”*

[LSB 461, vv. 1 & 2]

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.

### **Continuous Line Distribution**

#### **Please Read**

*All who are baptized and believe that in Communion we receive the true body and blood of Jesus,  
under the form of bread and wine, are invited to the Lord’s Table.  
All other are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

***Please carry your worship folder and continue to sing as you participate.***

*Alcohol-free wine is available in the center of each individual cup tray.  
Gluten-free host is available upon request from the host server.  
If you are coming for a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.*

### **Handbells**

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

J. Van Valey/S. Berry

*“The Risen Christ”*

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.

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.

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## *Instrumental*

### ***Post-Communion Canticle***

*"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

[LSB 461 vv. 7 & 8]

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 Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

### ***Dismissal***

### ***The Final Reading***

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### ***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.

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.



## ***Easter Greeting***

**Pastor:** Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

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**No Monday Night Service – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Office will be closed on Monday – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

***April through June Mission Envelopes***  
**ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES**

## ***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 – Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m.***

***“The Flock” for children and Cross†raining JC Style for youth***

***Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week***



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Your personal prayer guide for the week of: April 9, 2023*

**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, especially Jane Gurnack.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto: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 †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Roy Leidich, Kurt Gutowsky, Harrison Ahee, David Stolzenfeld, Helen Harper (friend of Cathy Meer).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Betty Williams, Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Karen Hubbard), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond).

## *Next Sunday*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 16, 2023*

Acts 5:29-42 / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:19-31

Sermon Title: "That YOU May Believe" – Text: John 20:30-31