



Holy Cross Lutheran

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD — EASTER DAY

April 4, 2021 – 11 AM

AS WE GATHER Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Christ indeed is risen from the grave. The veil of death cast over all is now removed in Christ Jesus. Death and all its terror and power has been answered by the resurrection of Jesus once for all. We participate in this in the celebration banquet our Lord has prepared in the New Covenant of His body and blood, His real presence in the bread and wine, and in the marriage feast of the Lamb to come, which has no end. Though for now we wait by faith for Him to bring to consummation all things, we wait as a people saved by His life and sealed by the Holy Spirit to everlasting life. Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation for Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

(In Domine Jesu)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

EASTER PROCLAMATION & WELCOME

P: Alleluia, Christ is Risen! **C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: "This is the day the Lord has made! **C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457 vs 1-4

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God Almighty.

C: Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Dear Lord, absolve us of all our sins and by Your Spirit grant us the washing of regeneration. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"O Praise the Name"

by Hillsong

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. **Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. 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. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(He will swallow up death forever.)

L: 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(Christ appeared to His disciples and to more than five hundred witnesses.)

L: ¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ENSEMBLE

"The Cross of Christ"

Music & Words by Tony Wood & Robert Nugent

Arr. by Chris & Mary McDonald

Words printed on back of the service.



VERSE

2 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(He is risen; He is not here!)

P: 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SONG OF THE DAY

"Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"

Kari Jobe

SERMON

"Death is Swallowed Up Forever"

Isaiah 25:8

"He 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." (*Isaiah 25:8 ESV*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer")*
(when petitions have all been lifted-up, prayer concludes with the following)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)*

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 PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **We give thanks to You heavenly Father, for this amazing gift of forgiveness through the body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING

"Death Was Arrested"

by Heath Balltzglier, Brandon Coker, Adam Kersh and Paul Taylor Smith

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen. We will. Amen!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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† **SOLI DEO GLORIA** †

(To God be the Glory)

POST SERVICE MUSIC

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HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

April 4 – April 11, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

Easter Breakfast will be served! Join us today for breakfast served between the two services. Just as we have been doing for the soup suppers on Wednesday nights, we will be serving the food as you make your choices in the buffet line. Servers will be masked and wearing gloves. Please wear your mask until seated and ready to eat.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY "LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM" starting Sunday April 11. Please join us for an in-depth study of Luther's Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism beginning the Sunday after Easter. We plan to use the 2017 newer Catechism that has new updates in teaching about the cultural context we now have in our country and world. The updates in the Catechism can help benefit our young people learn to understand the Spiritual battle going on in our world and how the Word of God in Christ keeps them in the one true faith in Jesus and how to apologetically help others come to know the truth of the true Savior of the world. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you would like a 2017 Edition of the Small Catechism in hardback or Spiral bound with note options. The Hardback is \$16 a copy. Cost TBA about the Spiral bound and note section. We hope to offset the costs with a Thrivent Action Grant.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME – We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 pm.

HANGING BASKETS ON SALE TODAY – Only three more weeks to order your hanging baskets from Gene Stark's Glacial Ridge Growers, Glenwood. Plants cost \$25 and payment is requested at the time of your order. There will be a limited number available so members should plan accordingly. The sale will continue until April 18 or until all available baskets have been purchased. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Cross the Friday before Mother's Day. The fund-raiser will support food for Haiti.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht
Lector: Pam Hunter
Ushers: Evelyn & Norma Jabs
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Dinah Gilberts
Offering Counters: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021 11:00 am

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht
Lector: Diane Mullenbach
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Jonas Petrie
AV: Vivian Jobst
Offering Counters: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Jon Dobberstein
Lector: Paige Westrum
Ushers: Dave Albrecht
Acolyte: Morgan Schulze
AV: Jason Eickhoff
Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50 Contributions received in January \$20,837.57

SUNDAY, March 28, 2021 ATTENDANCE

Worship: 53 Drive-up Communion: 5
Communion: 49 Bible Class: 12
Zoom: 12 Sunday School: kids & teachers 13



CHORAL ENSEMBLE

"The Cross of Christ"

Music & Words by Tony Wood & Robert Nugent

Arr. by Chris & Mary McDonald

Verse 1

In the lowland of my fallen heart I could find no place of rest
Ever climbing on the futile path Of my own righteousness
Then I fixed my gaze upon one hill And I saw the sacrifice
Then grace was given there to me Upon the cross of Christ

Chorus 1

By the cross of Christ
I am justified and free
By the blood of Love's pure Lamb
I can rise as one now ransomed from the fall
By the cross of Christ I stand
By the cross of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In the rags of my unworthiness
I approach His holy throne
Though a slave He takes me in His arms
And claims me as His own

Chorus 2

By the cross of Christ
I am justified and free
By the blood of Love's pure Lamb
I can rise as one now ransomed from the fall
By the cross of Christ I stand

Bridge

I stand forgiven
And reconciled
Though once His enemy
Now I'm His child

Chorus 3

By the cross of Christ
I am justified and free
By the blood of Love's pure Lamb
I can rise as one now ransomed from the fall
By the cross of Christ I stand x 4