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Easter Sunday Service

Order of Worship Today is Divine Service Setting One LSB, p. 151ff.

As we Gather

Do you consider yourself a person of integrity? Would you stand before God and declare, as King David does in Psalm 41:12, “You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever”? Certainly, no one has earned a place before God’s throne on the grounds of an upright character, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (*Romans 3:23*). Yet God has given this psalm that His church may pray it. Do not be afraid to make it your own; Christ was raised for just that purpose. For in Christ, the Father has indeed raised you up with Him and seated you in the heavenly places.

Prelude

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (LSB 457)

**1 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!**

**2 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!**

**3 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!**

(Please Rise)

**△4 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 Opening Sentences

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

C: **Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.**

P: Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

C: **Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.**

P: Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

C: **Our Lord has kept all God's promises!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution

P: On this Easter Day we praise You for Your great work, O Lord! With joy, we celebrate your victory over the cross and grave. Yet, we cannot forget, even during our celebration, that it was our sinfulness that brought You to the cross. Therefore, we bring our confession before You sorrowful for the ways that we have conducted ourselves. Yet, we remain joyful due to the forgiveness that we have in Your resurrection victory.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Rejoice and be glad! God has not merely overlooked your faults; He has not missed your failures; and He knows the frailty of the human condition. Rather, He became one of us as Jesus, who died to pay for every sin or yours and your sinfulness itself. Jesus not only paid the penalty; on this day our heavenly Father proclaimed to all the world that He accepted the payment. Your sins are forgiven indeed!

P: In the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Kyrie

(Spoken from page 152 of the hymnal.)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast" (*page 155 in front of the hymnal*)

**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.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor,
blessing and glory are his.**

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And, also with you.**

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

C: **Grant that we, who know the sweet joy of our Redeemer's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 41

P: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

C: **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

P: the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

C: **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

P: The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.

C: **As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**

P: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

C: **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

P: All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

C: **They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."**

P: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

C: **But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

P: By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

C: **But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson *1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (Paul’s teaching concerning the resurrection)*

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Rise)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.** (Sung from Page 157)

The Holy Gospel *Mark 16:1-8 (The resurrection of Jesus Christ)*

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.” ⁸ 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (Sung from page 157.)

Hymn of the Day “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” (LSB 465)

1 Now let the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds;
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above,
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day,
That by our lives we truly say,
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Please Rise)

△4 Adoring praises now we bring,
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Jacob T. May

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayers of the Church

P: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

P: For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness, [*especially . . .*], and all others we name in our hearts [*silence*], that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

Offering

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

(Sung from page 161.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the 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 He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is My ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (page 163 in hymnal)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace

The Sharing of the Lord’s Supper (Continuous Line)

If you would like to commune with us today...

According to 1 Corinthians 11:27-28,

“Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

For this reason, ask yourself the following before you come forward to the Lord's Supper...

-Do I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, indeed God Himself?

-Do I recognize that I am a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?

-Do I believe that the very body given and the blood shed on the Cross of Calvary are present "in, with and under" the bread and the wine?

-Do I believe that by partaking of the Lord's Supper I am receiving the forgiveness of my sins?

If you can affirm the above questions with an unqualified "yes", then you are welcome to the Lord's Table. If, however, you have any questions about these statements, please talk to one of the elders or the pastor before you commune.

If you have trouble coming up to the communion rail for any reason, please inform the ushers, elders or the pastor before the service begins that you would like for communion to be brought down to you. Please sit near the center aisle if you would like this service.

Communion Distribution Hymns

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" (LSB 466)

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;

Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

2 For three long days the grave did its worst

Until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo;

And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain*

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!

You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;

Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain*

**4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain***

**5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain***

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”! (LSB 474)

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2 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.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**3 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.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**4 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.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**5 City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**1 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.**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**3 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.**

**4 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.**

**5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7 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.**

**8 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!**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (LSB 621)

**1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.**

**2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.**

**3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.**

**4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Strengthen us by this Sacrament to announce this gracious Good News so that many may join us at the Lamb's high feast; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Benediction

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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” (LSB 477)

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

**Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled--
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.**

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was bried:
Now He lives forever more,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.**

3 Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
to the triune Majesty.**

P: Go in peace to love and serve our victorious Easter King!

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

MISSION STATEMENT

Reaching God's community by seeking His direction and together growing in His love.

VISION STATEMENT

We reach God's community by supporting each other in our faith, encouraging others to join with us, and sharing our many blessings with the community.