



SUNRISE SERVICE

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RESURRECTION



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Easter opposites: old and new

April 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord — Easter Dawn

Easter Sunday is ever new. It's ever new not because it comes up again every year on the calendar. Easter is ever new because it influences every new day of our lives. Because Christ died, and rose, we have a festival to keep. And that means getting rid of the old ways of sin and celebrating the new way of truth every day.



The paschal candle is lit in the front of church in silence.

Christ is the Paschal Lamb who sacrificed himself for the world's sin.

Today the paschal candle is lit to signify that Christ came back to life after his sacrificial death.

P: Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 458 Christ Is Arisen



Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on.



We now re - joice with glad - ness; Christ will end all sad - ness.



Lord, have mer - cy. All our hopes were end - ed



had Je - sus not as - cend - ed from the grave tri - um - phant - ly.



For this, Lord Christ, our thanks shall be. Lord, have mer - cy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! We now re - joice with glad - ness;



Responsive Verses (Psalm 30)

P: I will exalt you, LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not allowed my enemies to triumph over.

C: LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

P: LORD, you brought me up from Sheol;
you spared me from among those going down to the Pit.
Sing to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and praise his holy name.

**C: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor, a lifetime.
Weeping may stay overnight, but there is joy in the morning.**

P: When I was secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."
LORD, when you showed me your favor,
you made me stand like a strong mountain;
when you hid your face, I was terrified.
LORD, I called to you; I sought favor from my Lord:
"What gain is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your truth?
LORD, listen and be gracious to me; LORD, be my helper."

**C: You turned my lament into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
so that I can sing to you and not be silent.
LORD my God, I will praise you forever.**

P: We pray.
When we were in the pit of despair, Lord, you lifted us out. Though your
anger blazed down on us because of our sins, you sent your Son to take the
brunt of your anger so that we might be spared. Now we rejoice in the
splendor of your grace and proclaim your saving deeds to those who will
yet praise you as their only Savior.

C: Amen.

First Lesson — Isaiah 12:1-6

On that day you will say:

“I will give thanks to you, LORD,
although you were angry with me.

Your anger has turned away,
and you have comforted me.

Indeed, God is my salvation;
I will trust him and not be afraid,
for the LORD, the LORD himself,
is my strength and my song.

He has become my salvation.”

You will joyfully draw water
from the springs of salvation,
and on that day you will say,

“Give thanks to the LORD; proclaim his name!

Make his works known among the peoples.

Declare that his name is exalted.

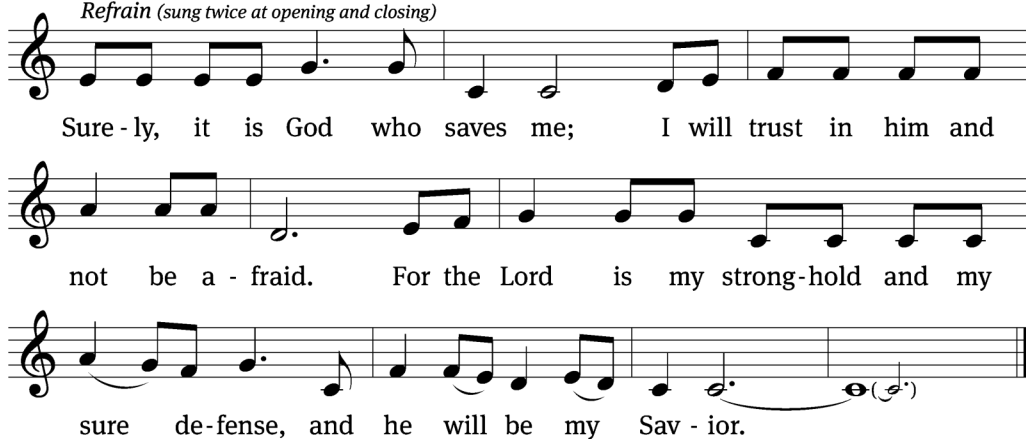
Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things.

Let this be known throughout the earth.

Cry out and sing, citizen of Zion,
for the Holy One of Israel is among you
in his greatness.”

Hymn 810 The First Song of Isaiah

Refrain (sung twice at opening and closing)



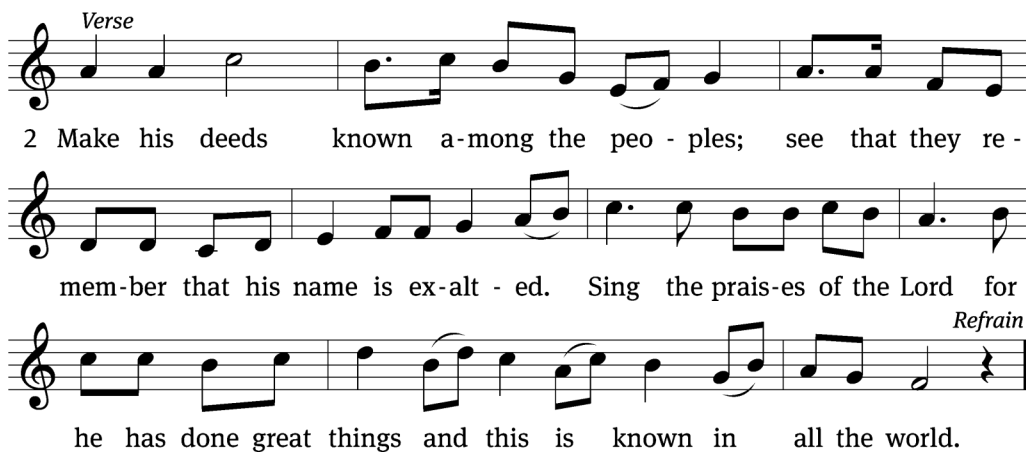
Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Verse



1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing
from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, "Give
thanks to the Lord and call up - on his name."

Verse



2 Make his deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -
mem-ber that his name is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord for
he has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Verse

3 Cry a - loud, in-hab-it - ants of Zi - on, ring out your joy, for the

Refrain

great one in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

Second Lesson—1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are. For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us observe the feast, not with old leaven or with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Choir Song *Easter Day Carol*

*What tale is this our women bring? Who can believe so strange a thing?
An empty tomb? How can this be? Where he was laid, there surely he must be!*
(Chorus)

Hurry, hurry, brothers; do not more delay; maybe it is true what the women say!

*In this half-light, and half-awake, what simple errors one can make;
and fond illusions give relief to hearts that bear so great a weight of grief.* (Chorus)

*Pay we no heed to what he said, of how he talked of being dead,
and of those three mysterious days? And did he not himself have power to raise?*
(Chorus)

*Let brother Peter, brother John, whose word we can rely upon,
seek out the truth, so we may know where Jesus, whom we loved, and love, is now.*
(Chorus)

*They run, these two, and what we see shall be both truth and mystery;
for he, the Crucified, is risen, no power on earth can silence or imprison.* (Chorus)

Gospel – John 20:1-18

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she went running to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, “They’ve taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him!”

At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. The wrapping that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. She saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus’s body had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“Because they’ve taken away my Lord,” she told them, “and I don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. “Woman,” Jesus said to her, “why are you crying? Who is it that you’re seeking?”

Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you’ve carried him away, tell me where you’ve put him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

Turning around, she said to him in Aramaic, “*Rabboni!*” – which means “Teacher.”

“Don’t cling to me,” Jesus told her, “since I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"
And she told them what he had said to her.

Hymn 462 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 See the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Phar - aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
nor the watch - ers nor the seal hold him as a mor - tal.
God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

Sermon—1 Corinthians 5:6-8

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MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER

- P: Heavenly Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious dawn we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.
- C: When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**
- P: Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.
- C: Wipe away tears born of death. Give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**
- P: King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will—false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan’s lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel’s free course.
- C: Triumph over our enemies and empower the church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**
- P: Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead.
- C: Help us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.**
- P: Heavenly Father, keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.
- C: Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

Hymn 451 See, What a Morning (See page 11)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Hymn 451 See, What a Morning



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of
2 See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor - row she
3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro' the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,
turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,
clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is
call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!