

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.

RETURN AND SEE

AS WE GATHER

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it “up close and personal”!

A Few FYI'S as You Worship with Us.

- **Assisted Listening Devices** are also available from an Elder or Usher.
- **If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like a blessing, simply come forward during the distribution, cross your arms when you approach the Pastor and he will speak a blessing.**
- **Holy Communion** *is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:*
 - 1) *Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;*
 - 2) *The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and*
 - 3) *We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.*
- **Non-alcoholic wine is available for those who prefer this substitute. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please inform the pastor of your preference when you approach.**



+ PREPARATION +

EASTER GREETING

HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”
(arr. by Hal Hopson)

LSB 837 Choir sing st. 3

INVOCATION

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have not put seeing You as our Lord in all matters as our life’s priority. We have not lived at all times filled with charity in all things and toward all people. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these, our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us to see our Lord more clearly and graciously build Your kingdom among us here in every way.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. 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. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a blessed life on earth and finally a glorious eternal Easter vision of the Savior and life full and complete with Him in heaven forever.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

CHOIR

“Introit for Easter” words and music by Joel Raney

This is the day of celebration, this is the day of goodness and light.
Earth and sky and all creation celebrate the wonder of life!
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ is risen, sing hosanna, lift your voices to the sky.
This is the day of celebration, this is the day of goodness and light.
Earth and sky and all creation celebrate the wonder of life!
He is alive!

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Lord, Have Mercy

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461 St. 1, 6, 7, 8

MESSAGE “Return and See” Pastor Donald

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Text your prayer to 224-801-2902)*

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Lamb of God

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

CHOIR

“Risen Indeed”

words and music by Allen Pote

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.

Lift up your voices sing alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen indeed, He is risen from the dead.

He is alive, He is alive, alleluia! Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.

Lift up your voices, sing alleluia, alleluia! He died for us, our sinful souls to save.

Now He is risen, from the grave. The tomb stands empty, the stone was rolled away.

Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day. Jesus will meet us when our death is near.

He gives us hope eternal. We need not fear! Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen.

Lift up your voices, sing alleluia! Christ is risen, is risen, risen indeed.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen. Alleluia!

HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

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BENEDICTION

HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

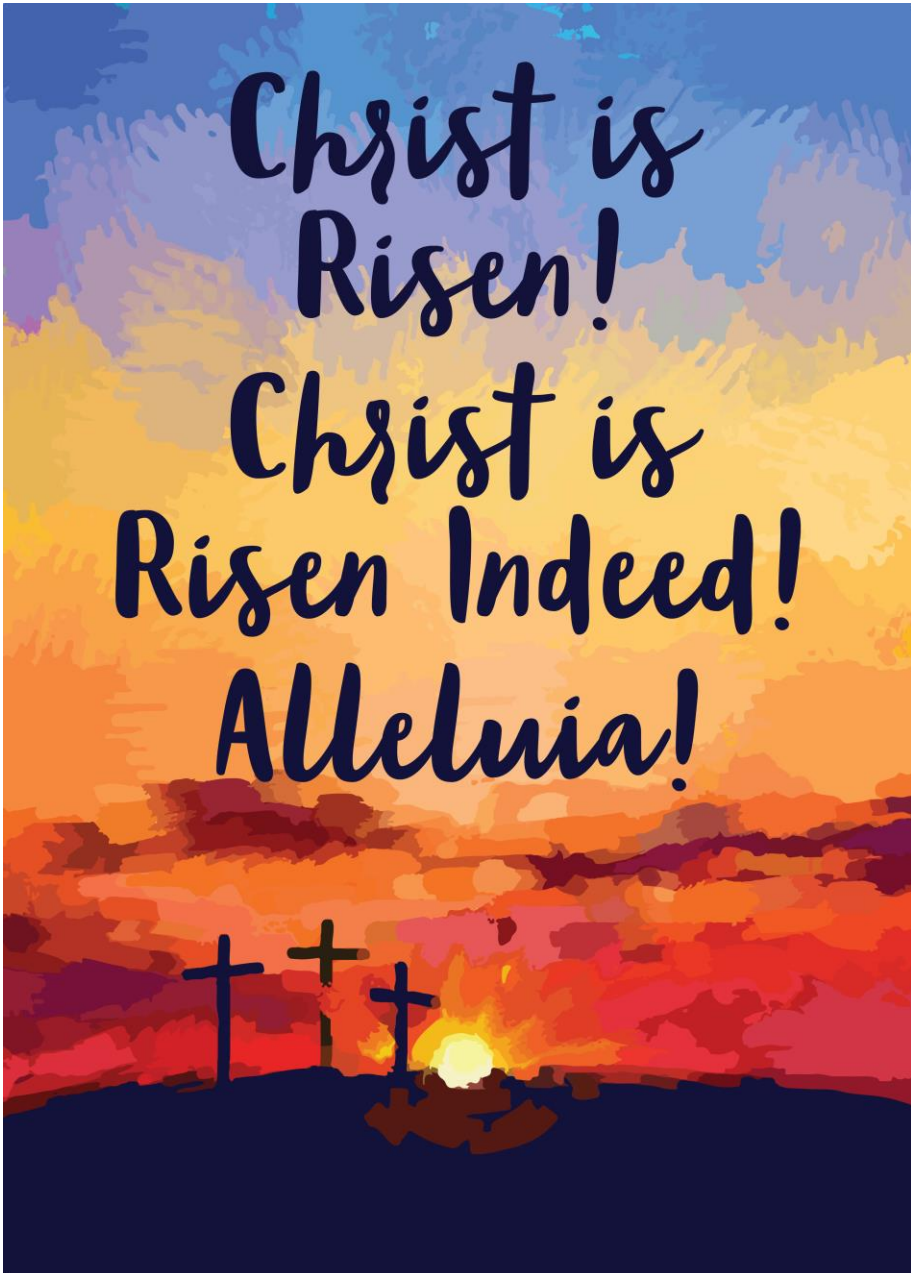
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Marilyn Kosmella, organist,pianist

John Weide; Trumpet, Jenny Laabs; Horn/trumpet, Fred Siebert; Trombone, Steve Kosmella; Timpani

Handbells

Pam Peters, Karen Sandusky, Amy Schaedig, Marlene Tres



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