



"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

Easter Sunday

Communion Worship

April 9th, 2023

If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our guest book and/or complete the info sheet in the bulletin and place it in the offering basket located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take home one of our newsletters to learn more about us! Happy Easter greetings to you!

This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and '*' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

BELL

GATHERING

(Pastor, acolytes and children begin at the entrance of the sanctuary)

*Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

*#363 PROCESSIONAL HYMN "*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*" pg. 6

*WELCOME & MINISTRY MOMENT

* CONFESSION P: We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause for silence and reflection.* God of resurrection, **you have redeemed us through the gift of your son, yet we often act as though we don't know what that means. We fail to see where we need to change, and where we need to work to bring positive change to the world. We remain fixated on ourselves rather than living in love and service for others. Forgive us our sins of thought, word, and action or lack of action, that we might better do your will.**

* FORGIVENESS Christ is risen indeed, and proclaims to you and all of creation the entire forgiveness of sin. Receive this gift of forgiveness with joy in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**¹

* GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

* KYRIE In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for all salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

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

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. God of new life, **The empty tomb shouts your love to all of creation. May we, with the women, go forth in joy, proclaiming your good news to all people, for the sake of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**¹

GROWING

Please read Psalm 118, verses 19-24 with me responsively

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, **that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; **the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me **and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing; **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*. **Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. Therefore, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.**

** How many times have we found ourselves walking a path in life with a heavy heart? The hearts of the women taking this early morning walk must have been heavy and broken. But this morning was like no other, and it changed the lives of untold billions of people since that day. Hear now the HOLY EASTER GOSPEL according to Matthew the 28th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord***

NARRATOR: After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women,

ANGEL: "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

NARRATOR: So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said,

JESUS: "Greetings!"

NARRATOR: And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

158 Hymn of the Day *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* pg. 7

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Or, He descended to the dead. ** universal

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of life, **All: hear our prayer.**)¹

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* INVITATION God sets before us a feast of victory and opens the gates wide for all to enter. Come join with all creation in the celebration of Christ's resurrection, by remembering him in the sharing of his body and blood. Come with joy, for all is ready.¹

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER Let us pray... **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING The empty tomb shouts your love to all of creation. May we go forth in joy, proclaiming your good news to all people empowered by God the Father, the Holy Spirit, ✝ and through Christ Jesus for whom has been raised from the dead and will return. **Amen.**

*# 145 SENDING HYMN *Thine is the Glory* pg. 8

* CLOSING LITANY/DISMISSAL

Why do you look for the living among the dead? **Jesus is not here. He is risen.**

Go, tell the others to meet him in Galilee. **We are filled with fear and great joy,**

Still not quite sure what, exactly, has happened. **But, look! There he is! Jesus, in the flesh!**

"Greetings," he says, his voice like a balm. **We fall at his feet, overcome with awe and gratitude.**

"Do not be afraid," he tells us. "But share the good news." **How can we help but proclaim it to all?**

Jesus Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**¹

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God**

BELLS/POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

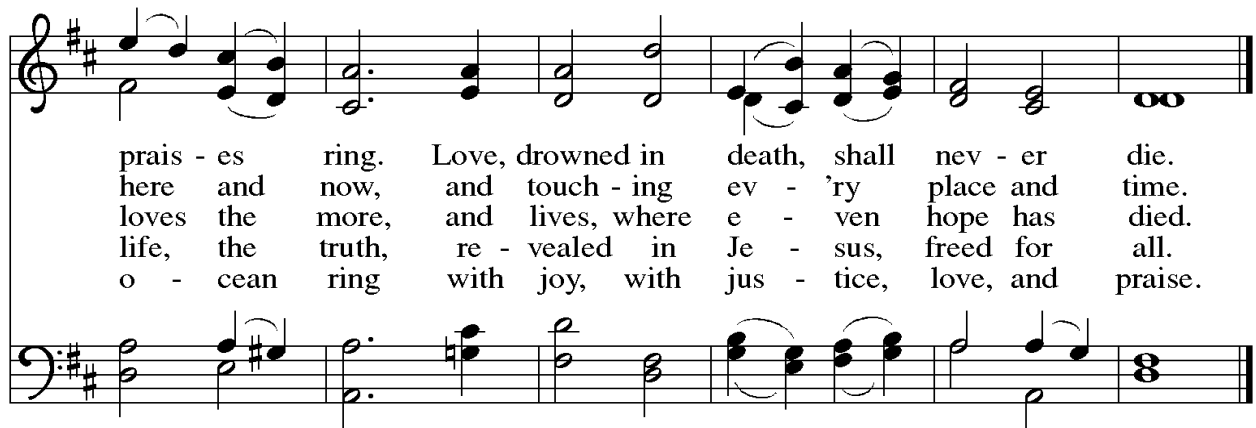
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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 Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789
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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scept - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scept - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to -
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

TEAR OFF HERE

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- Interested in learning more about Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church
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