

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

508 Bloom Street

Red Bud, Illinois

The Resurrection of Our Lord

5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.

April 15 & 16, 2017

“We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments, and provide Christian education in service to all people.”

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Welcome to St. John's! Please greet one another in the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you take time during the offering to sign the Friendship Register in the pew rack and pass it to the person next to you. Cards in the register are for those who are visiting with us to complete and put in the offering plate. Thank you to our visitors today. We are happy that you have joined us. We invite you to worship with us again very soon!

We Celebrate Holy Communion Today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Since this Holy Communion is a sign of our common confession of the Christian faith, we welcome to our Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this.

THE FESTIVAL ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *(Sat.) “An Earthquake at the Break of Day”*

Bell Choir

(Sun.) “Alleluia on ‘Lasst Uns Erfruen’” arranged by Franklin D. Ashdown

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION:

Pastor: Jesus is risen! Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: This is the day that our Lord has made.

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

C: The joy of Christ's resurrection fills our lives with hope.

P: Our lives are hidden with Christ Jesus.

C: He is the source of our eternal salvation.

P: He lives! We, too, shall live! The joy of Christ's resurrection renews our lives now.

C: Jesus will restore our lives in eternity.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “An Earthquake at the Break of Day”

(please STAND when the cross enters) (tune: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”) Page 1

1. **An earth-quake at the break of day,
An an-gel rolls the stone a-way. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Be-hold, O hear the an-gel say:
“Come, see the place where Je-sus lay.”
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

2. **The Lord is ris-en, as He said.
The Fa-ther raised Him from the dead. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
He con-quired death and hell and dread
And stands as vic-tor in our stead.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

3. **Go forth and tell that He shall reign,
That Je-sus suf-fered not in vain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
That we shall see our Lord a-gain
And sing for-ev-er this re-frain:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

(text by J.Q. Zimmermann. Used by permission.)

THE INVOCATION:

P: O God, our Father, by Your great mercy, life and immortality were brought to light.

C: Accept our worship and praise.

P: O Jesus Christ, by Your sinless life, shameful death, and glorious resurrection full payment has been made for our sins.

C: Accept our worship and praise.

P: O Holy Spirit, by Your life-giving power we have been brought to a living hope of eternal life through the work of Jesus.

C: Accept our worship and praise.

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

P: O Triune God, You are the source of our life and salvation. We come before You on this great day to confess our unworthiness of Your goodness to us in Jesus Christ, our resurrected Savior, and to beg Your forgiveness for our many sins which caused Jesus to be born, to live and to die on the cross for us.

C: Forgive us, O Lord, for we daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment.

P: We call Jesus Christ our Lord, but we do not serve Him.

C: We call Him the Light of the world, but we live in the darkness of our sins.

P: We say He is the Way, but we follow our own selfish paths.

C: Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us our sins. Restore us to newness of life.

Fulfill Your promise to us in Your Son Jesus Christ.

P: Glory be to God on high! Christ our Lord is risen from death.

C: Alleluia! He is risen from the dead!

P: We who were lost in our sins now share in Christ's victory.

C: Alleluia! He is risen from the dead!

P: Because Jesus lives we are alive to God and dead to sin. In the stead and by the command of our risen Savior, Jesus, as His called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen. Alleluia! Jesus is risen from the dead!**

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

(please be seated)

(Sunday) ANTHEM: "The Easter Carol"

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be My people." Thus says the LORD:"The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'"

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

THE GRADUAL:

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

THE EPISTLE READING: Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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

HYMN OF JOY: 488 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *(please stand if able; read from the center of the sanctuary.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

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

OUR EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(in unison)*

I believe that on the first day of the week God anointed His Son Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit and raised Him living from the dead.

I believe that in the person of Jesus Christ God's might and power have broken into our fallen world. I believe that Jesus now proclaims His victory over all the forces of sin.

I believe in the love of Jesus Christ and boldly confess that my Lord, who was crucified, now lives, raised from the dead by the mighty Spirit of God.

I believe that through the Holy Spirit we bear witness to the power of God's love and await the glorious return of Jesus Christ. While we are waiting, God gives us new energy to declare: JESUS IS OUR RISEN LORD! ALLELUIA!

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *(stand for the last stanza)*

FESTIVAL SERMON: "People of the Passion: The Women, the Witnesses"

THE RESPONSIVE EASTER PRAYER: *(please stand if you are able)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Nina Guebert, C. John Prigge, Fred Buch, Joan Prigge, Omar Koester, Darlene Lohman, Carol Turner, Peggy Sitzes, Jackie Quintin, Molly Ellner; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Terry Heller, Steve Herriman, Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Brian Ulione, Larry Berg, Joyce Wirth, Marianne Hunt, Jamie Brandt, Jennifer Dominique, Corey Koester, Tom Blevins, Edgar Wilson, Bobby Wood, Melvin Juelfs. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Thomas Goetting, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner, Ted Knop; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Courtney Kueker, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop

P: On this glorious day of new life restored, give us the hope of salvation, O Lord, and teach us to say: **C: God wants all to come to a knowledge of His truth and be saved through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with Him.**

P: On this great day of death conquered by a risen Savior, give us the hope of triumph over death, O Lord, and teach us to say: **C: Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in death.**

P: On this blessed day of victory over Satan's powers, give to us the hope of eternal life, O Lord, and teach us to say: **C: By Your great mercy we have been born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance which is kept in heaven for us.**

P: O Lord God, You have remembered our need for salvation through the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus. We now ask that You would remember...*(the Prayers of the Church are spoken)*. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Grant that all may come to know and believe that Jesus has risen from the dead for them. Amen.**

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THE OFFERING: *(Saturday)* "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *Bell Choir*
(Sunday) "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" *arranged by Harold Rohlig*

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION:

P: The Lord is with His people; now may He be with you.

C: The Lord is with His servants; now may He be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts in praise to God.

C: To God we lift them high.

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

C: It is right to give thanks and praise to God who comes to us.

P: It is truly good, right and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly do we praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore with the angels and saints of heaven we worship and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing: *(tune: TLH 208 "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King")*

**Ho-ly are You, the hea-v'nly King!
With an-gel hosts we join to sing,
"Your maj-es-ty fills ev'ry-thing!"
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Ho-ly are You, our Lord most high!
Bless-ed is He who now draws nigh
In God's own name! With joy we cry:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Ho-ly are You, through end-less days!
Our glad ho-san-nas now we raise
To greet You with ex-alt-ed praise
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(prayed in unison)*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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

C: And also with you.

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(please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

(on Sunday we will use the continuous line method of distribution)

(Saturday) “Thine Is the Glory” *Bell Choir*

461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

474 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

487 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

547 “The Lamb”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: We thank You, Lord of heaven and earth, for raising Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead and through Him promising us eternal life. As You have promised we trust in You to strengthen us in faith through this sacrament You have given us. We ask You to rule in our hearts so that we may proclaim our risen and living Savior Jesus to a world lost and suffering in sin;

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

THE BENEDICTION:

P: May God the Father who raised His Son from the dead;

C: Our Father gives us life.

P: May God the Son who lives and rules forever;

C: Jesus Christ, our Savior, is risen from the dead.

P: May God the Holy Spirit give you the light of our risen Savior;

C: The Holy Spirit gives us the light of life.

P: May our Triune God, the Father, the (+) Son and the Holy Spirit bless you and preserve you now and forever.

C: We depart in God’s peace. Christ is risen! Amen.

THE CLOSING: *(Saturday)* 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

(Sunday) “Hallelujah Chorus” by G.F. Handel

Choir

THE POSTLUDE: “Christ Is Arisen”

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli