

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**508 Bloom Street**

**Red Bud, Illinois**

**The Resurrection of Our Lord 5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m. March 31 & April 1, 2018**

*“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 attendance pad in the pew rack and pass it to the person next to you. Cards in the attendance pad are for those who are visiting with us. 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**

**THE PRELUDE:** “Alleluia on ‘Lasst Uns Erfruen” *arranged by Franklin D. Ashdown*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to joyful 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 if you are able when the cross enters)*

*(tune: TLH 475 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”)*

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-quer-ed 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-fer-ed 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever;

**C: 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: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (arr. by Walter Pelz) *Choir*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

HYMN OF JOY: 478 "The Day of Resurrection" *(please stand for the last stanza)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *(from the center of the sanctuary accompanied by the cross)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Mark 16:1-8* When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back— it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> 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 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: 469 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

FESTIVAL SERMON: "The City That Is to Come" Hebrews 13:14

*For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.*

P: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth,

**C: and the meditation of our hearts,**

**All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.** (Ps. 19:14)

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Bernadine Kruse, Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, Alvin Buch, Eunice Stumpf, Don Winkelmann, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Pearl Luttman, Darlene Lohman, Jane Donjon, Kevin Liefer, Cheryl Walker; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley, Alice Liefer, Jeff Theobald, Robin Steinmann, Gary Vogt, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook, Boniface Becker. *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, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+those who mourn: the families of St. John's members Dorothy Peters and Alvin Buch

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.**

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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.** *(please be seated)*

THE OFFERING: *(Saturday)* "The Day of Resurrection"

*Bell Choir*

*(Sunday)* "Alleluia! Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven" *arr. by David Christiansen*

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION: *(please stand if you are able)*

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!**

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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.** *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(continuous line in the 10:30 a.m. service)*

*(Saturday)* "Risen Today! Alleluia!" *Bell Choir*

461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

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)* 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

*(Sunday)* "Hallelujah Chorus" (by Georg Friedrich Handel) *Choir*

THE POSTLUDE: "He's Risen, He's Risen" *arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*