

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
508 Bloom Street, Red Bud, Illinois

The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 a.m.

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. Please place your finger to your lips if you would like an individual cup. 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 service begins in silence and darkness.)

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

Pastor: Why are you here? Why do you seek the Living among the dead?

Congregation: We seek Jesus who was crucified.

Pastor: He is not here. He has risen!

Congregation: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

(We stand if able for the procession of the Christ Candle.)

Processional Hymn: #477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead; of the Son who rose victoriously from the grave, and of the Holy Spirit who brings resurrection victory to our mortal bodies. **C: Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Our Confession and God's Absolution:

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Silence for confession)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God, Page 1

C: we confess our sins to You.

P: For I know my transgressions

C: and my sin is always before me.

P: Against You only have I sinned

C: and done what is evil in Your sight.

P: We poor sinners beg You

C: to create in us clean hearts and to free from sin and guilt. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and uphold us with Your Holy Spirit.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. Our Risen Lord has removed your sins. God forgives you. You are forgiven!

C: We are forgiven indeed! Alleluia! Amen. (We share God's peace with others.)

Service of the Word

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **C: For His steadfast love endures forever!**

P: Let Israel say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: Let the house of Aaron say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: Let those who fear the Lord say,

C: "His steadfast love endures forever."

P: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, **C: but the Lord helped me.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song; **C: He has become my salvation.**

P: Glad songs of salvation

C: are in the tents of the righteous:

P: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, **C: the right hand of the Lord exalts."**

P: I shall not die, but I shall live,

C: and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

P: Jesus, Son of David,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, Risen Lord,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Jesus, Lamb of God,

C: Have mercy on us.

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast"

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a bold, sans-serif font. A small 'C' symbol is placed below the first note of the melody.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Collect of the Day:

P: Let us pray together. **C: Almighty God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and the grave. You opened the gates of everlasting life. Grant that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,
 "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
 the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.
² The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.
³ The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name.
⁴ "Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea,
 and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.
⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
⁷ In the greatness of Your majesty You overthrow Your adversaries;
 You send out Your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
⁸ At the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap;
 the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
⁹ The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
 I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
 I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
¹⁰ You blew with Your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
¹¹ "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
 awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
 P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?
⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened.
 For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival,
 not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Joy: 488 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

The Holy Gospel: (please stand if you are able; the Gospel is read from the center of the sanctuary accompanied by the candle)

P: The message of God's Good News according to St John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 20:1-18 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, '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 that He had said these things to her.

P: This is the Good News of our living Lord. **C: Praise to You, risen Christ.**

Our Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (inside back cover of *Lutheran Service Book*)

(please be seated) Hymn of the Day: 548 "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"

The Resurrection Message: "God's April Fools on the Devil" 1 Corinthians 1:20-25
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Page 5

The Prayer of the Church *(please stand if you are able)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Bernadine Kruse, Wilma Uffelmann, Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, 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: 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: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" *arranged by John A. Behnke*

Offertory: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (LSB 781) *(please stand if you are able)*

**We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**And we be-lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be;
What-e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un-to Thee.**

Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

P: It is truly good, right, and fitting to thank You, Father, for all of Your gifts of body and soul. Above all we thank You for sending Your only Son to earth. On this day He rose victoriously from the dead giving life and salvation to all who believe. Grant that we may now receive His body and blood as a gift and guarantee of this salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name evermore praising You and singing...

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! (*LSB, page 208*)

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed in unison*)

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini:

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

(please be seated)

Distribution Hymns: (*we will use the continuous line method of communion distribution*)

461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

463 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

467 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

474 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

Post Communion Collect: (*please stand if you are able*)

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; **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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

C: Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn: "Hallelujah Chorus" (by Georg Friedrich Handel) *Choir*

The Postlude: "Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious" *arranged by David Christiansen*

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