

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

The Resurrection of Our Lord 5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m. April 20 & 21, 2019

"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'" 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: "Awake My Heart With Gladness" (arr. by Carl E. Wacker) *Choir*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

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

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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 15:19-26

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

HYMN OF JOY: 478 "The Day of Resurrection" *(please stand for last stanza, "A-men")*

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 24:1-12 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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.

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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: 794 "The Lord, My God" *(please stand for last stanza, "A-men")*

FESTIVAL SERMON: "The Lord Will Revive and Raise Us That We May Live"

Hosea 6:1-3 Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.² After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him. ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers.

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Fern Schnepel, Eunice Snyder, Dorothy Papenberg, Orville Liefer, Kenneth Koester, C. John Prigge, June Lawrence, Jean Menke, Lisa Kloeppe, Don Kueker, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Wayne Liefer; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Kate Snyder, Henry Hunter, Keith Dial, Josh Ritter, David Uchtmann, Tina Aubuchon, Harlow Leedle, Tyler Pratt, Sharon Kuhn, Dan Vollmer, Alice Proctor, Brett Montroy, George and Ruth (Schrieber) Hecht. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

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.** *(please be seated)*

THE OFFERING: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

(Sat.) Bell Choir

(Sun.) arranged 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!

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)*

(Sat.) "The Strife Is O'er" *Bell Choir*

461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

487 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

741 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

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" (sing "**A-men**")

(Sunday) "Hallelujah Chorus" (by Georg F. Handel) *Choir*

THE POSTLUDE: "The Day of Resurrection" *arranged by Robert W. Thygerson*

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