Easter Sunday Breakfast
7:30–11 am in the New Gym
Brought to you by Chef Scott Dickinson

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In Preparation for the Lord's Supper

The Bible tells us (1 Corinthians 11:23-29) that it is vitally important that we understand and believe that the Lord’s Supper is a participation in the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. To receive the blessings of this Sacrament to our benefit it is necessary that we examine our hearts and our lives. Please read and prayerfully consider the following:

- I believe that I am sinful by nature and in need of forgiveness.
- I confess that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds.
- I believe I am forgiven only through faith in Jesus Christ.
- I confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine I receive the very Body and Blood of Jesus.
- I promise with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life and strive to live a God-pleasing life.

As members of Jesus’ family, we have a responsibility to teach and encourage one another so that we receive the blessing intended for us in this Sacrament. Out of sincere love, we respectfully ask that those who have not been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church please speak with a pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. St. Luke’s offers “Explorations” an adult information class for those high school age and above desiring to be confirmed. Children are confirmed at the end of their eighth grade year after completing instruction. We are happy to meet with you and discuss any special circumstances or needs you may have.

Communion Procedure Note:
Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail may receive the Lord’s Supper in the pew. Simply let a pastor or usher know your request and sit in one of the front rows. Those who are not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing (please fold your hands across your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing).

Benediction:

P: Having been nourished at the Lord’s Table, God the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit fills your life with joy and celebration. Rejoice in His Victory over sin and death! To Him Who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!
C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”  LSB 463

1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!
   Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
   Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
   At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!

2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
   Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!
   Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
   Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3. Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
   God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
   When contending death and life, Alleluia!
   Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
   All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
   Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
   Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
Hymn: “See, What a Morning”

1. “See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”
See God’s salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

2. See Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?”
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It’s the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow’r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

He is risen, indeed! This is cause for celebration! This is the reason we gather in the early hours at the cemetery. We announce to the whole world that Jesus is risen and proclaims victory over sin’s most dreaded consequence — death. We are filled with renewed comfort and hope that as believers in Christ this resurrection life is ours to live eternally.
Preservice Music

Easter Greeting:

P: People of God, why have you come? It is very early in the morning, and light has not fully dawned. Whom do you seek?
C: We have come to find our Lord, Jesus of Nazareth.

P: You have come in darkness. Why have you come to this place of darkness?
C: Darkness surrounded us as we came. Our hearts are often surrounded in darkness and fear.

P: Why do you seek the living among the dead?
C: We know that Jesus brings life and immortality to light. In Him death no longer has victory over us.

P: Why do you gae of our resurrection. This is the place of our final victory. Here we will be ther in a cemetery?
C: This is the placraised, even as Christ has been raised.

P: Christ is risen!
C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Distribution

Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” LSB 469

1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
   Saints on earth and angels say;
   Raise your joys and triumphs high;
   Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.

2. Love’s redeeming work is done,
   Fought the fight, the battle won;
   Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;
   Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
   Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
   Death in vain forbids His rise;
   Christ has opened paradise.

4. Lives again our glorious King!
   Where, O death, is now thy sting?
   Once He died our souls to save;
   Where thy victory, O grave?

5. Soar we now where Christ has led;
   Foll’wing our exalted Head.
   Made like Him, like Him we rise;
   Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6. Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
   Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
   Thee we greet triumphant now:
   Hail, the resurrection, Thou!
**Lord's Prayer: (Matthew 6:9-13)**

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Words of Institution**

**Peace of the Lord:**

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

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God):**

![Music notation]

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Morning Hymn: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” LSB 457**

1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
   Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
   Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
   Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
   Unto Christ, our heav’nly King, Alleluia!  
   Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
   Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
   Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
   Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!  
   Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
   Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
   Praise Him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
   Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Morning Prayer:**

P: Almighty God, our Father, we praise You for turning the despair of the disciples into joy by raising Christ from the dead. Grant that our despair over our sins might be turned into the certainty of forgiveness, and our lives might be turned into powerful witnesses. Remove the hopelessness of death and turn it into the bright hope of heaven, through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

1 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. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 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. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

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Confession:

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 reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution
Hymn of the Day: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461:1, 2, 7, 8

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
   What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
   He lives, He lives, Who once was dead;
   He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave,
   He lives eternally to save,
   He lives all-glorious in the sky,
   He lives exalted there on high.

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
   He lives, and I shall conquer death;
   He lives my mansion to prepare;
   He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to His name!
   He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
   Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
   I know that my Redeemer lives!

Easter Message

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence
He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary
   Magdalene, Mary the mother of James,
   and Salome bought spices, so that they
   might go and anoint him. 2 And very ear-
   ly on the first day of the week, when the
   sun had risen, they went to the tomb.
3 And they were saying to one another,
   “Who will roll away the stone for us
   from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And
   looking up, they saw that the stone had
   been rolled back—it was very large. 5
   And entering the tomb, they saw a
   young man sitting on the right side,
dressed in a white robe, and they were
   alarmed. 6 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. 7
   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.” 8 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 the Lord.
C: Praise be to You, O Christ.