



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA**  
**9AM CT Worship Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter**  
**With Holy Communion**  
**Brunch following in the New Fellowship Hall**  
***Please text Prayers to "Text in Church"***  
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**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**MEDITATION** Choir: *Acclamation for Easter*

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**WELCOME** *Worship Asst. & Pastor & ALL in BOLD!*

**ALL: HE is RISEN! HE is RISEN INDEED! Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**

**PSALM 118: 21 – 24** *Reading by Pastor and Worship Asst. 1 (Worship Asst. 2 Cross Bearer)*

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**PROCESSION of Cross & PRELUDE** Choir: *A Classic Easter Alleluia*

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**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.** *All may make the sign of the cross*

**THEME AT ONE – JESUS LIVES: Claims above all Names**

**GATHERING SONG** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW # 365)*

(Congregation, Choir and Organ) *(Public Domain)* see page 2

# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!** *(Worship Asst. 1 Pours the water into the Font)*

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Look, here is water! *Water is sprinkled over the Community as a ritual of Thanksgiving for Baptism! (Worship Asst. 2)*

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer as the Pastor leads from the heart.*

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead...He is alive and has become the Lord of life...Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow..., through Jesus Christ, our RISEN Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever!

**C: Amen!**

**PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE** Led by the Worship Asst.

**We pray for all of those on our prayer list...**

**Keith DeCamp,**

**Adam Jackson,**

**Leah Leimbach,**

**Preben Christensen,**

**Sionie Elavsky,**

**Lois Ristau,**

**Ginger Prellwitz,**

**Alvin Leimbach,**

**Marylyn Bicknell** (heart procedure on 3/28),

**Jeff Benson,**

**Sam Boydston,** (friend of Brock & Michele Klingler),

**Michelle Le Bihan** (breast cancer, friend of Quentin),

**Carol Hermann** (Bud's sister in KC with heart problems),

**Diana** (hospitalized),

**Patti,** (treatment for cancer, friend of Jost Family),

**Steve Kuhlman** (fell at church, hip injury),

**All the those affected by endless wars around the world.**

## PRAYERS OF CONDOLENCES FOR...

For the family of **Stephanie Childs** (friend of Quentin Ibe)

**WORD** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25: 6 – 9** *More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.*

WA: <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 24: 13 – 35** *Pastor Reads On the day of his resurrection, Jesus joins two disciples on the road to Emmaus and makes himself known to them in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**EASTER MESSAGE – starting with KIDS AT ONE – JESUS LIVES: Claims above all Names**

## MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

**OFFERING** *Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

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- *If you have not had a chance make a 40 Days of Giving for LENT, leave one in today's Donations Basket or donate through our website listed above.*

**OFFERTORY PB and Choir: *I Will Rise* (CCLI #5183450)**

by Louie Giglio, Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher, and Jesse Reeves c.2008 Rising Springs

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**OFFERING PRAYER** *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads prayer.*

WA: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**[Please Hold Up Your Communion Elements / Fellowship Cups]**

P: Who on the night before he died took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, inspire your people for service, with your healing, your justice, and your peace, We praise you, all-holy God, today, tomorrow, and forever.

**C: Amen And Amen!**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home communion.*

*Communion will be served at the Rail (standing or kneeling) with 2 Lines -left aisle by wall facing altar  
and in middle aisle. Both lines return to their seats through the left aisle.*

*There are gluten-free wafers and the inner clear colored liquid is grape juice.*

## **COMMUNION SONG PB /Choir/Flute: *How Beautiful***

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

WA: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

## **BLESSING**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

WA: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING SONG *This Is Our God*

<b>This Is Our God</b> <b>Verse 1</b> Remember those walls that we called sin and shame They were like prisons that we couldn't escape But He came and He died and He rose Those walls are rubble now Remember those giants we called death and grave They were like mountains that stood in our way But He came and He died and He rose Those giants are dead now <b>Chorus</b> This is our God this is who He is He loves us This is our God this is what He does He saves us He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim This is our God King Jesus	<b>Verse 2</b> Remember that fear that took our breath away Faith so weak that we could barely pray But He heard every word every whisper Now those altars in the wilderness Tell the story of His faithfulness Never once did He fail and He never will <b>Bridge</b> Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus <b>Bridge</b> Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus (Him) <b>Ending</b> He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim This is our God King Jesus
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**Praise Band Singers:** Cindy Lacks | Linda Tyahla | Megan Tyahla | Moira McCracken

**Flute:** Teagan McCracken

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**All the volunteers that made the Sanctuary so beautiful for this Holy Sunday.**

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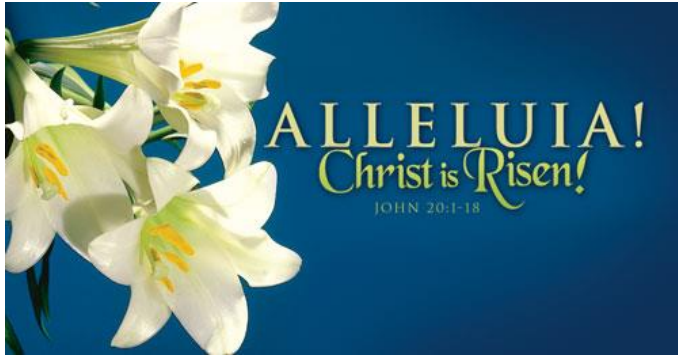
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Cheryl Weiland	In loving memory of her parents and nephews
Mark and Penny Rudolph	In loving memory of Wayne Mosher
Cathy Mosher	In loving memory of her husband Wayne Mosher
Kevin and Julie Aleshire	In honor of their parents, children and grandchildren
Paul and Donna Jackson	In honor of their granddaughters
Gary and Ginger Prellwitz	In loving memory of their parents and In honor of their children
David and Janet Haas	In honor of our children and grandchildren
Bud Niebling	In loving memory of his wife Judy
Mike and Peachie Prange	In loving memory of their parents
Jerry and Christine Doud	In honor of our Lord's resurrection
Merry Franklin	In loving memory of her parents, two brothers and two sisters
Andrew and Adrienne Doud	In honor of their son Tristin
Dennis and Janice Hawley	In loving memory of their parents
John and Kelly Caliguiri	In loving memory of their parents
Keith and Helen Krull	In honor of the resurrection of our Lord
Frank and Yelena Barnhart	In loving memory of Frank's parents Althea Paul and Yelena's sister Yeva
Cindy Lachs	In honor of her loving husband and family
Bob and Susie Garrett	To the glory of our resurrected Lord and Savior
Pat Goertzen	In loving memory of his parents
Bob Kent	In loving memory of his two Elizabeths
Tim and Llinda Tyahla	To praise the glory of God
Leah and Alvin Leimbach	In loving memory of their mother and wife Joan
Lola Nosker	In loving memory of her brother-in-law Marvin Lapicola
Philip and Joan Paul	In loving memory of their parents