

The Festival of our Lord's Resurrection

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Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

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“Jesus Lives!” The victory’s won! Dear Savior help us to appreciate your victory over the grave, sin, death and the devil. Fill our hearts with an Easter faith that holds firmly to the promise of eternal life. Help us to feed this faith daily through your Word so that it will shine brightly not only during the Easter season, but continue through all periods of our life, until we depart this earth and take part in the final Resurrection of the Last Day. Amen

The Bells Ring Out His Victory Over Death!

The Opening Hymn – #752 “In Christ Alone”

Congregation and Choir with CD accompaniment

(please follow choir director’s lead)

V. 1 Choir

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

V. 2 Cong. and Choir

Choir Women In Christ alone – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.

Choir Men This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.

**Cong. (softly) Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

(please stand)

V. 3 Cong. and Choir

Choir (softly) There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;

**Cong. (with gusto) Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

V. 4 Cong. and Choir

**Cong. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.**



Choir Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

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The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen (spoken)

The Easter Gospel – John 20:1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

(Please be seated)

Hymn - #148 *“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”*

The Call to Worship

P: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here; he is risen.

P: How foolish you are, and how slow of heart;

C: To believe all the prophets have spoken!

P: I know that my Redeemer lives;

C: And that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

P: After my skin has been destroyed;

C: Yet in my flesh I will see God.

P: I myself will see him with my own eyes;

C: I and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

P: This is what was written.

C: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day; repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. We are witnesses of these things.

(Please be seated)

Choir and Cong. #150 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

v. 1 and 2 choir

v. 3 & 4 Congregation

The Confession of Sins (words from Hymn #105)

**C: My burden in your passion, Lord you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression, my shame on Calvary.
I cast me down before you; wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not.**

The Announcement of Absolution

P: The Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans: “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!”

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Easter Collect

Choir – “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

What Does the Empty Tomb Tell Us?

I. We Have a Living Lord

The reading from John 20:10-18

Choir Anthem - *"See, What a Morning"*

II. We Have to Tell Others

The Reading from Mark 16:1-7

The Response: *"The Day of Resurrection"*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful; let earth her song begin. Let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen; our joy shall have not end.

Prayer for Strength

Sermon Hymn: #152 *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

Cong.

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!

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

Solo

He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

Cong.

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

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!"

Sermon

Offering

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

From Handel's Messiah

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Choir and Cong. *"I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again"*

Verses 1&2 Choir

Cong.

I am content! My Jesus is my Light, My radiant sun of grace. His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all: Sweet comfort, hope, and peace. This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation. I am content! I am content!

I am content! Lord, set me ever free And wake me from the dead That I may rise forevermore to be With you, my living head. The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever. I am content! I am content!

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #154 *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"*

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	7:00 AM	Sunrise Worship
	8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast at Samuel
	10:00 AM	Easter Festival Worship
<i>Monday:</i>	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Wednesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class Church
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry Easter Service
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	1:00 PM	Pioneers

THANK YOU: A special thank you to the choir and its director Mr. Festerling as well as all vocalists, instrumentalists and organists and other accompanists who helped beautify our worship during this festival season.

DELICIOUS: From the committee who set up and cleaned up, to the church council who prepared and to the CLYF who served our Easter breakfast today - Thank you!

JESUS CARES: Our JCM Easter celebration will be on Thursday at 6:30 PM. Congregational members are invited to join us for this service.

SPRING MUSICAL: Looking for some good, clean, and fun entertainment. Look no further. Come to Samuel Lutheran School for the spring musical, "How the West was REALLY Won." You will meet historical characters from the 1800's, you will see square dancing, and you may find a little humor thrown in along the way as well as a number of up-beat songs. This is a musical for 3rd through the 8th grade. Mark the date - Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 PM, Samuel Lutheran School, at 500 Village Drive in Marshall, MN. There is no charge for admission.

RECYCLE: In the past we were able to collect old Meditation booklets and Forward in Christ magazines and send them off to be used by others but we NO LONGER do that. For that reason we ask that you NO LONGER bring them back to church but rather recycle on your own. Thanks.