

# Easter Sunday

**REVOLUTIONARY  
EASTER**

 **MUHLENBERG  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Mark 16:1-8**

**March 31, 2024**



# Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day ~ MARCH 31, 2024

## WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this booklet. Portions of worship in **bold print** are to be spoken by the whole congregation. We stand for portions of our worship service. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.**



## HEALTH AND SAFETY

While we do not require masks in the building, wearing a mask for any reason is always welcomed. We encourage mask-wearing by those who have had an exposure to illness, or have recently recovered from illness. We request that anyone who has symptoms of a respiratory virus (including fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, headache) or other symptoms of illness (such as sore throat, vomiting) to stay home and join us online for worship. Thank you for doing all you can to help care for one another by reducing the spread of germs in our community!

## OUR WORSHIP

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God’s constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Narrative Lectionary (a four-year cycle of scripture readings in biblical order), we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

**Worship will be live-streamed this morning.** Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with the Wellstream service at 11:00 am allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

## OTHER NOTES

- **Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the Welcome Desk.
- A **restroom** is located at the north end of the Gathering Area with additional restrooms downstairs.

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If you're interested in why we do what we do, follow the notes in this column.

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING

We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God's people to worship.

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brass Quintet

### WELCOME

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**ANTHEM** ~ 11:00 *Do You Know Who Died for Me?* (O. W. Luecke)

Cherub Choir

*(We stand)*

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** ~ *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (EASTER HYMN)

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*The congregation turns to face the cross as the procession approaches the altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.*

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We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship. This hymn sets the tone for the day.



# 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!

## GREETING

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Alleluia* (J.S. Bach; arr. J.A. Dash)

Combined Choir

*This prayer collects the themes from today's scripture readings.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for 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 as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(We sit)

## WORD

*The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.*

*Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators.*

## 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.*

<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.

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalms were the original hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith.

**PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23** Choir sings the verses. All sing the Refrain at the beginning and after each verse.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us be glad. (choir)

**Refrain (All)**

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us re-joice, let us be glad.

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's love endures forever more.

<sup>2</sup>So let the children of Israel say: God's love endures forever more! **Refrain**

<sup>16</sup>The Lord's right hand has triumph brought; the Lord's right hand has raised me up.

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die but I shall live, singing of all God's mighty deeds! **Refrain**

<sup>22</sup>The stone the builders would not use has now become the cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>Such wonders are the work of the Lord, and they are marvels in our sight!

**Refrain**

(We stand)

### GOSPEL PROCESSION

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

We stand during  
the gospel because  
we believe our  
Lord is present  
with us in the  
reading.

## GOSPEL ~ Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The Holy Gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL PROCESSION



(We sit)

## HOMILY

Silence for reflection follows.

Pastor Lauren Eanes

(We stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The creeds (statements of faith) date back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century and contain the basics of what Christians around the world hold to be true.*

## **NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The use of the non-capitalized word "catholic" here means simply worldwide or universal.*

We pray as a community. The assisting minister leads this time to gather the prayers of all, and at their invitation you may add others aloud or silently in your heart.

Much more than a pleasant greeting – we do this to proclaim God’s promise of peace to one another.

Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord’s service. They support the ministries of Christ’s church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

## PRAYERS

After each petition:

. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The lay assisting minister concludes the prayers:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Have a prayer concern to share? Forms are available in the back cover of each hymnal.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:  
**“Peace be with you.”**

(We sit)

## MEAL

In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus’ invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.

**OFFERING ~ Rejoice! The Lord Your God is With You** (T. Trenney)

Brass Quintet

An offering is gathered at this time to support the mission of the church and care for those in need. Our offerings are a humble and grateful response to the gifts that God has first given us. You can place a gift in the offering plate as the ushers come around, or give online by scanning the QR Code and visiting our online giving portal.

MAKE YOUR OFFERING DIGITALLY  
BY SCANNING HERE



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(We stand)

This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

## OFFERING SONG we sing verses 1 & 2

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### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The “Holy, Holy, Holy” echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God’s presence: “Blessed is He...”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow’r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks.*

*These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture:  
1Cor. 11:23-26  
Matt. 26:26-29  
Luke 22:15-20*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

### **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

### **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

*Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave 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.**

*The "last supper" was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense.*

*All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Come and eat at God's table. **Alleluia!**

*(We sit)*

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! After the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct each row to come forward. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher or raise your hand, and an assisting minister will bring the elements to you.*

*As you come forward, pick up a small cup from the table at the front and then receive the bread (wafer) from the minister. Gluten-free wafers are located on the table. If you require gluten-free, please take one and present it to the pastor for blessing.*

*Next, proceed to one of the two communion assistants. The first chalice has wine, and the second chalice has grape juice.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words:*

*"The body of Christ, given for you . . . The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

*You may say: "Amen."*

*After consuming the wine/juice, please put your cup on the tray along the side wall, and return to your seat via the side aisle. **If you don't wish to remove your mask up front**, you may choose to bring the elements back to your pew to eat/drink there.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### *Musical Selections from the Brass Quintet*

*(We stand)*

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**



## SENDING

Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.

We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

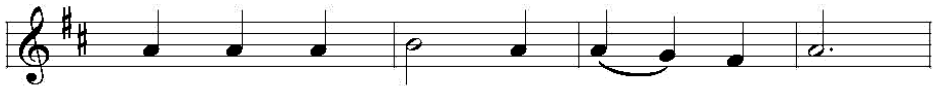
### RECESSIONAL HYMN

## The Strife Is O'er

**Refrain** (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



*All* 1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
*All* 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
*Choir* 3. *The three sad days are quick - ly sped;*  
*All* 4. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



the vic - to - ry of life is won;  
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:  
*Christ ris - es glo - rious from the dead:*  
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



the song of tri - umph has be - gun.  
let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.  
*all glo - ry to our ris - en Head!*  
that we may live, and sing to thee:



Al - le - lu - ia!

*In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel.*

## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go out into the world in the joy and peace of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Feel free to stay and listen to music.*

## **POSTLUDE**

Brass Quintet

***After worship, Pastor Lauren invites you to greet her and each other in the Gathering Area. Please be mindful of others' wishes for physical distancing.***

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**PREACHING & PRESIDING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

**LAY ASSISTING** 8:30 ~ Kim Fawley  
**MINISTERS** 11:00 ~ Robert Alley

**LECTORS** 8:30 ~ Kathy Thompson  
11:00 ~ Brett Tjaden

**CRUCIFERS** 8:30 ~ Jim Doyle  
11:00 ~ Sue Koch

**TORCH** 8:30 ~ Bill Whitmire, Gus Kagey  
**BEARERS** 11:00 ~ Linda Alley, Cheryl Hoak

**COMMUNION** 8:30 ~ Kathy Thompson, Jim Doyle, Bill Whitmire, Gus Kagey  
**ASSISTANTS** 11:00 ~ Linda Alley, Sue Koch, Cheryl Hoak, Brett Tjaden

**USHERS** 8:30 ~ Susan Gallaher, Karen Thomsen, David & Susan Lawrence  
11:00 ~ Sue Totty, John Mulder, Jeff & Elizabeth Williams

**SOUND** 8:30 ~ Tom Pippert  
**TECHS** 11:00 ~ Todd Hedinger

**MUSICIANS** Linlin Uta, Interim Music Minister  
Judith Ofcarcik, Organist  
Brass Quintet ~ Chris Carrillo, Trumpet; Christine Carrillo, Trumpet;  
Andy Lankford, Trombone; Kevin Stees, Tuba; Ian Zook, French Horn  
Cherub Choir ~ Rachel Peters, Director  
Combined Choir ~ Members of Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir

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