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LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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The Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection

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A Service of Word and Sacrament

VISITORS: Because our Lord urges us to “all speak the same thing” and that “there be no divisions among us,” this congregation only serves communion to those who are confirmed in fellowship with the CLC. Visitors are asked to first meet with the pastor, so that they can be sure we are united in all teachings of Scripture before sharing in altar fellowship. You can read about our practice of close communion in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. Thank you for your understanding our desire for unity. Please feel free to talk with the pastor. (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:27f)

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book
(If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed)

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 118, forepart of TLH p.148

INVOCATORY ENTRANCE (may remain seated)

Minister (M) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congreg. (C) Amen.

M Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. *1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

M He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

HYMN

TLH 187

Christ is Arisen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (rise)

M If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

M Let us then draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment, for we have not loved You above all things and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

M Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

GLORIA CHRISTI ~ Glory to Christ

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

RESPONSIVE READING

Selected verses from 1 Corinthians 15

M Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead,

C how do some say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

M But if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty

C and our faith is also empty.

M For if the dead do not rise,

C then Christ is not risen.

M And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile;

C We are still in our sins!

M But now Christ is risen from the dead,

C and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

M For as in Adam all die,

C even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

M The body is sown in corruption,

C it is raised in incorruption.

M It is sown in dishonor,

C it is raised in glory.
M It is sown in weakness,
C it is raised in power.
M It is sown a natural body,
C it is raised a spiritual body.
M There is a natural body,
C and there is a spiritual body.
M For as we have borne the image of the man of dust,
C we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.
M Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep,
C but we shall all be changed—
M in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,
C at the last trumpet.
M For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible,
C and we shall be changed.
M For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
C and this mortal must put on immortality.
M Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:
C “Death is swallowed up in victory.”
M “O Death, where is your sting?
C O Hades, where is your victory?”
M The sting of death is sin,
C and the strength of sin is the law.
M But thanks be to God,
C who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
M Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
M The Lord be with you. *Luke 1:28*
C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray, Almighty God, Who through the resurrection of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord, has overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life, we ask You to keep us constantly by Your grace that we may
remain dead to sin and alive to righteousness and by Your power, triumph
over death and the grave in the full image of our risen Lord, to Whom with
You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory throughout eternity.
C Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

M Lord, sanctify us by Your truth;
C Your Word is truth. Amen.

Mark 16:1–8

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother of*
James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint
Him. ²Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came
to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they said among themselves,

“Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?”⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large.⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

GRADUAL VERSE ~  Sing (w intro, TLH 188:1,3)

**Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! Why weepest thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.**

Mark 16:9–20

⁹ Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.¹¹ And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

¹² After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.¹³ And they went and told *it* to the rest, *but* they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything

deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ADULT AND CHILDREN’S CHOIR

“Alive, Alive!”

CREED ~ The Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN

TLH 200

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

SERMON

Psalm 16:8-11

- 8 I have set the Lord always before me;
Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.
10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
11 You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

And I Look for the Resurrection of the Dead and the Life of the World to Come. Amen.

1. A look of confidence when we are afraid
2. A look of hope when we suffer
3. A look of life when we face death

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

HYMN

TLH 206:1-5,9,10

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O risen Lord Jesus, You have led captivity captive and sit enthroned at the right hand of God with power over sin, death, and the devil. According to Your gracious intercession in our lives, grant us Your Spirit **that we would**

be joined to You and to the power of Your resurrection and the hope of the life to come.

O Lord, You died on the cross and entered the grave because of our sins. Grant us repentant hearts **that we would know this sacrifice as a gift of God for our redemption as revealed in Your resurrection.**

O Lord, You left the grave empty, that we might look not by sight but that we would know Your work of redemption and promise of a new creation by faith. Grant us such faith in Your Word **that we would receive the forgiveness of our sins with certainty and doubt it not.**

O Lord, You sent an angel as your messenger to proclaim to the women the news that You had risen. Grant us like-minded zeal **that we would proclaim and confess the good news of Your resurrection with joy.**

O Lord, You showed Yourself to Your apostles and caused them to remember all things that had happened of which they testify in the Holy Scriptures. Grant us a deeper love for Your Word **that we would learn it and confess it faithfully as the only means by which we know You and Your will.**

O Lord, You went through suffering and death for us and at last received the gift of life according to God's promise. As we face sickness, distress, hunger, and sorrow, grant that the genuineness of our faith would be proven, **that in the midst of affliction we would find hope in God's promises and if it is Your will, You would remove our affliction.**

O Lord, You have swallowed up death in Your own resurrection and will reign until the last enemy is destroyed in our lives. Grant us victory over our enemies **that we would not stumble in persecution or tribulation or death but look with hope to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

O risen Lord Jesus, You live to make intercession for us and all who call upon You by faith. Offer these and all who ask our prayers to the throne of God **that they might be accepted and answered by our Father in heaven. Amen.**



A Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

M Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of

the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver us and preserve us unto life everlasting. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matt. 26, Mk 14, Lk 22, 1 Cor. 11

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

M As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

M Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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!

THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY

Dignus et Agnus

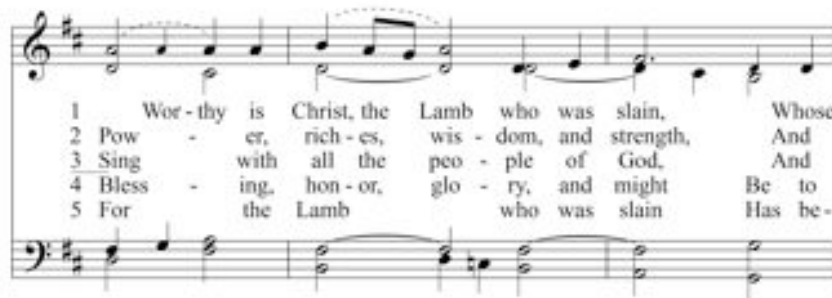
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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - - men.
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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M Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

M Let us pray,

O Most Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and bless You, for You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Having heard Your Word and received Your living body and blood, teach us to know You and the power of Your resurrection in suffering, that everything we believe, everything we say, everything we do, may be conformed to

the image of Your endless life. Hear us, for the sake of Your Son, who lives to make intercession and reigns together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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