## The Resurrection of Our Lord ~ ~ March 31, 2024~ ~

First Lutheran Church, Culver & Faith Lutheran Church, Meadowlands

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Dialog**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

***C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

P: He is alive! Christ is alive! He has made the unbelievable, believable. God’s power shone forth on the third day. Christ is alive!

By his wounds we are healed. The wounds which we inflicted.

 Wounds of doubt.

 Wounds of rebellion.

 Wounds of the flesh.

 Wounds of the heart.

 Wounds of the mind.

 He carried our pain.

 And now by his wounds, we are healed.

 Today we rejoice for Christ is our salvation.

 The wood.

 The nails.

 The tomb.

Nothing could keep him in the grave. He has conquered death.

 Today we praise God for the triumphed Christ.

 Today we rejoice that death no longer stings.

Today we find comfort in a Savior who has gone before us and who will come again!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

***C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

***Opening Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*** LBW #151 ELW #365

Vs. 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!

Vs. 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!

Vs. 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!

Vs. 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!

**Greeting** LBW pg. 57 ELW pg. 138

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.***

**Kyrie** LBW pg. 58 ELW pg. 138

 P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

 ***C: Lord, have mercy.***

 P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

 ***C: Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise** LBW Pg 58 ELW pg. 139

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

 **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, so*

*that God’s forgiveness in Jesus’ name would reach out to all people.*

34Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**2Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

14The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**15Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

16The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**17I shall not die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

18The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**19Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

20"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**21I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

22The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**23By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

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**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul’s preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, **2**through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

**3**For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures **4**and that he was buried and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. **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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you believed.

**Gospel: Mark 16:1-8**

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

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. **2**And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3**They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” **4**When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5**As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. **6**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. **7**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.” **8**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.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”*** LWB #131 ELW #382

Vs. 1 Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
 Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears,
 bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

***Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!***

Vs. 2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o’er;
 through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;
 death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,
 angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. ***[Refrain]***

Vs. 3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay
 now hath found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
 See the grave its first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;
 Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. ***[Refrain]***

***Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!***

Vs. 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
 We are Christ’s, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
 All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;
 hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. ***[Refrain]***

**Nicene Creed**

**Faith LBW page 64**

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;

 by the power of the Holy Spirit

 he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 worshipped 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.

**First ELW page 104**

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**Prayers of the People**

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” WOV #775 ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ’s love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from livening with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

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**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** LBW pg. 68ELW pg. 145

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.***

**Words of Institution**

P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

**Lord’s Prayer** LBW pg. 71ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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.***

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Blessing**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and + give you peace.

**Sending Hymn *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives***” Vs. 1-4 LBW #352 ELW #619

Vs. 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!

Vs. 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives

 eternally to save; he lives exalted,

 throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

Vs. 3 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.

Vs. 4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to

 wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my

 troubled heart; he lives all blessing to impart.

**Dismissal**

C: Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

**C: We will! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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