

**EASTER SUNDAY  
FESTIVITIES  
March 31, 2024  
7:00 A.M. In  
Person &  
Facebook Live  
broadcast at  
10:30 A.M.  
WLBK on 1360  
Radio**

**About the Cover:**

On the first Easter, the morning sun helped to put an end to mourning. For it revealed that Christ's tomb is empty. "He is not here," the angel says (Mark 16:6). Jesus was laid in the place of death, but He did not stay there. Neither will the grave be able to hold all who believe in Him on the Last Day. Though there is much to cause mourning in this life, we know that it is all fleeting because of that first Easter morning. Christ is risen!



*He has risen*

Mark 16:6

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7 a.m. in person and FB live  
10:30 a.m. Radio Service



## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!

*In consideration of your fellow worshipers, please be sure to turn off your cell phone.*

Theme for Worship: The horror and defeat of Good Friday are past. Jesus died, but now is alive! On this Easter morning we gather to celebrate His resurrection and the new life that we all share in because of His resurrection. We'll also use this time to ponder from our Epistle lesson, Paul's writing about the things of "first importance." What is of "first importance" in our lives, and how does the message of Jesus inform those determinations.

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### The Ringing of the Bells

♪ "And the Crowd Cried Out"

*C-J Motisi*

*(The lights are brought up)*

### Welcome

♪ Processional Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

*---LSB # 457*

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## The Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** He is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

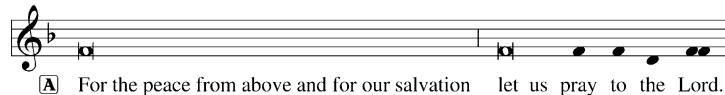
**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

---LSB 152



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



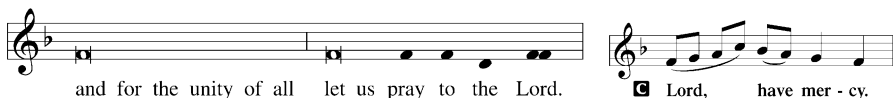
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



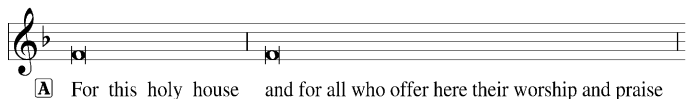
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** 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 mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men.

♪ **The Hymn of Praise: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”** ---LSB #475 v.1,2 &4

- 1 **Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**  
**Now is the triumph of our King!**  
**To all the world glad news we bring:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **The Lord of life is ris’n this day;**  
**Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;**  
**Let all the world rejoice and say:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 **Your name we bless, O risen Lord,**  
**And sing today with one accord**  
**The life laid down, the life restored:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
- C** Amen.

**Service of The Word**

**The Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

<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 wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach 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, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ♪ Song of Praise: “Gabriel’s Message Does Away”

*Choir*

### The Children’s Message

*Pastor Marty Marks*

### Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 16:1–8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, 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>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ Hymn of The Day: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

---LSB #474

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

*ref* Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
“O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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Sermon: “Of First Importance ”

*Rev. Marty Marks*

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 at 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.**

## Offering/Announcements

### Prayers of the Church

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."*

### Service of the Sacrament

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)*

### Preface

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### ♪ "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

---LSB #465

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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 and preserve us. 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.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen

## Agnus Dei

**C** 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.



♪ Distribution Hymns:

♪ "This Is The Day"

*Choir*

♪ "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

*--LSB #477*

**1 Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.**

**2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

**Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.**

△ **3 Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!**

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♪ "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

*Intrumental w/ Trumpet & Piano*

♪ **“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”**

---LSB #467

- 1 **Awake, my heart, with gladness,  
See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness,  
Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid  
Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light  
Our spirit wings its flight.**
- 2 **The foe in triumph shouted  
When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed,  
His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free;  
In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save  
Has triumphed o’er the grave.**
- 3 **This is a sight that gladdens—  
What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens  
The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake,  
No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God’s own Son  
In love for me has won.**
- 4 **Now hell, its prince, the devil,  
Of all their pow’r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil,  
And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all its might  
Cannot my soul affright;  
It is a pow’rless form,  
Howe’er it rave and storm.**
- 5 **The world against me rages,  
Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages,  
Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free,  
No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play,  
And night is bright as day.**

6 Now I will cling forever  
 To Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never,  
 Whate'er He passes through.  
 He rends death's iron chain;  
 He breaks through sin and pain;  
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;  
 I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal  
 That leads to bliss untold,  
 Whereon this rhyme immortal  
 Is found in script of gold:  
 "Who there My cross has shared  
 Finds here a crown prepared;  
 Who there with Me has died  
 Shall here be glorified."

**Benediction**

**Silent Prayers**

♪Closing Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*---LSB #461 choir sings v.4*

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| <p>1 I know that my Redeemer lives;<br/>         What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br/>         He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br/>         He lives, my ever-living head.</p> <p>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br/>         He lives eternally to save;<br/>         He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br/>         He lives exalted there on high.</p> <p>3 He lives to bless me with His love;<br/>         He lives to plead for me above;<br/>         He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>         He lives to help in time of need.</p> <p>4 He lives to grant me rich supply;<br/>         He lives to guide me with His eye;<br/>         He lives to comfort me when faint;<br/>         He lives to hear my soul's complaint.</p> | <p>5 He lives to silence all my fears;<br/>         He lives to wipe away my tears;<br/>         He lives to calm my troubled heart;<br/>         He lives all blessings to impart.</p> <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>         He lives and loves me to the end;<br/>         He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;<br/>         He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</p> <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>         He lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>         He lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>         He lives to bring me safely there.</p> <p>8 He lives, all glory to His name!<br/>         He lives, my Jesus, still the same;<br/>         Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br/>         I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |
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♪Postlude: "This Joyful Eastertide"

*--Choir*

<b>PARTICIPANTS – March 31, 2024</b>		
<b>Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan &amp; Jackie Hanson</b>		
	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30a.m</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	Linda Conrad; <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>soloist, pianist</i> Christine Monteiro; <i>Trumpeter</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brodie McWilliams	Irene Pringnitz
<b>Crucifer</b>	Brayden Goff	Hayden Harms
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Russ Coulombe	Jennifer Allen
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Tammy Tiggelaar	
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Ted Stone	Rachel Schmitt
<b>Slides</b>	Doug Nelson	Kylie Von Schnase
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken Boldt, Donna Boldt & Alexis Cruz	Heather Allen, Dan Lohmeier & Ann Nelson
<b>Communion Assist.</b>	Rob Tiggelaar & Chris Cook	Brian Pringnitz & Will Michels
<b>Greeters</b>	The People of Immanuel	Glen & Pat Roberts

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