

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 27, 2016

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00, 9:20 and 10:30 Brass Choir *The Heaven's Are Telling* *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE HYMN OF INVOCATION** (5:00, 7:00, 9:20 - 1 and 4 only)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LSB 457

**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!**

*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!*

**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!**

**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!**

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

GENERAL CONFESSION

L: The angel spoke to the women: "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to the cross."

C: **He is not here: He has risen, just as He said. Come see the place where He lay.**

L: Quickly, now, go and tell His disciples: He has been raised from the dead and goes forth before you.

C: **So they left the grave in a hurry, afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples.**

L: Lord, increase our zeal, lighten our darkness, enrich our poverty, and quicken our spirits.

C: **Convict us of our sin, grant us a godly sorrow, move us to true repentance, and forgive our iniquity.**

L: Pardon our transgressions for Your name's sake,

C: **Assure us of remission and cleansing, granting, at the last, full and everlasting forgiveness, through our Resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

L: Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: **Blessed be His name forever. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 15:19-26, page 961 (5, 8, 9:20, 10:30)

¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANTHEM 8:00 and 10:30 Chancel Choir

Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

***THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter, verses 1-12, pages 884-885:**

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

THE SERMON

“Why Easter Matters”

(I Corinthians 15:20)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY Brass Choir 8:00 and 10:30 am

Divertissimo No. 4

***THE OFFERTORY**

♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER (Found inside back cover of hymnal)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI**

LSB 198

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
**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.**

LSB 461

**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.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir 8:00 and 10:30 am *Early In The Morning*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469

“Christ the Lord is ris'n today!”
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer.
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741

Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought

Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?

No, too closely I am bound By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it,
and will leave it never; Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.

I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern That from death
I shall awaken With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

LSB 199

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And His mercy endureth forever.

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with Thy Spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

*THE BENEDICTION

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

*THE CLOSING HYMN

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee.
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE 8:00 and 10:30 Brass Choir

Trumpet Tune In G

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5 & 7: Alice Kastens; 8 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler 9:20: Burnell Hackman

Brass: William Dalton, Craig McElroy, Cynthia Sherrill, Kyle Hopfer, Brandyn Dillender

Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Mullen/Dennis Gerfen

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

The United States is one of the few countries in which the customary Easter greeting contains no reference to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Throughout the Greek-speaking world, for example, Christians address one another in the same Easter salutation that rang through the early Church, "*Christos anestee!*" "Christ is risen!" and with the ancient response, "*Aleethinos anestee,*" "He is truly risen!" In the Latin Church of the first centuries, the Easter greeting was, "*Vivit!*" "He lives!" and the reply, "*Vere vivit!*" "He lives indeed!" In Spanish lands, Christians say, "*Cristo vive!*" In Germany, believers salute one another with exultant joy: "*Der Herr ist auferstanden!*" and the reply, "*Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!*" Even in Russia, they say "*Christos Voskres!*" and receive the reply, "*Voistinu Voskres!*" All glory to the risen Christ!

NEWS AND NOTES:

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CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is to the Glory of God for the many blessings received.

SERVICES were held last Tuesday for Carolyn J. Ohlau, 75, who was Peace's office secretary (1978 - 2001) for 23 years. Our sympathy to the family.

LIVING EASTER CROSS in the Commons is a Springtime reminder of new life in Christ through His resurrection from the grave at Easter. This living cross of flowers creates a great background for family photos. Families can recite John 3:16 as they pose for their picture.

MONARCH JEWELRY SALE April 21, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please consider attending. At 7:00 there will be a presentation by Cathy Summers, a child survivor of human trafficking. All proceeds from the jewelry sale benefit the St. Louis safe house for girls rescued from human trafficking.

LWML SPRING RALLY Saturday, April 2, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2846 S. Grand Ave., 63118. To carpool, contact Evelyn.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY RESUMES Wednesday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Commons with Pastor Furgeson. Welcome!

MEMBERS OF THE ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS will perform Stravinsky's *Mass for Mixed Chorus and Double Wind Quintet*. Sunday, April 10 at 7:30 pm here at Peace. Come and hear this outstanding chorus as they make one of their rare appearances outside of Powell Hall!

EASTER LILIES AND AZALEAS:

Steve and Lisa Andrews, in memory of Alex & Louise Colombo, Dorothy Andrews, and G. H. Andrews; Anonymous, in memory of Jean Himmelmann, Lois Isenberg, and Frieda Schaub; Roy Baese, in memory of Ginnie Baese; Paul and Verna Beck, to the glory of God; Mary Bentrup, in memory of Bob; Ann Beutler, to the glory of God and our many blessings; Jerry and Joyce Birk, in honor of Jenna Frisella's confirmation; Elaine Blair, in memory of Charles Blair; Vern Bollman, in memory of Grace Bollman; Denise Bowman, to glory of God; Paula and Rich Breitenbach, in memory of Raymond and Mildred Breitenbach, whose 105th birthday would have been Easter, March 27; Paula and Rich Breitenbach, in memory of Ed Kummer; Helen Breitenfeld, in memory of Marvin Breitenfeld; Brian and Brenda Chitwood, in memory of Glenn Williams; Carol Gibbons, in memory of my grandmother Eva Elliott; Jane Gleue, in memory of husband Ray; Bruce and Merrily Goldsmith, to the glory of God; Helen Hellwege, in memory of husband Wil Hellwege; Bruce and Jane Herzog, in memory of Doris Herzog and Erwin & Marie Weigel; Mike and Nancy Holdenried, in memory of Walter and Meta Hillemann; John Hooss family, to the glory of God; Keller and Smith families, in memory of Emil and Verna Keller; Pat and Ray Kergo, in memory of our parents; Darlene Knight, in honor of Jackie and Gerry Schramm; Ray Lange, in memory of Deloris Lange; Marino family, in memory of Michael and Mary Marino; Dan, Hope, Jen, Ali and Cooper Martin, in memory of Arman and Martha Rapp; Don and Barb Miller, to the glory of God; Carol and John Morse, in memory of mother Lillian Huber; Mueller, Noser, and Truemper families, in memory of Ed Mueller; Louise and Mark Mullen, in memory of Dale and Stacy Mullen and Louise & Claude Lamprecht; Chuck and Cindy Neff, in memory of Donald R. Neff; Herman and Alice Petsch, to the glory of God; Tom and Renee Pratt, in memory of Adeline Haught and Mary Dennison; John and Terryl Rastorfer, in memory of John & Anne Rastorfer and William & Harriet Thesing; Bill and Lisa Rericker, in memory of Zachary and Gabriel; John and Tracey Roesch, to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones; Vicki Rolf and Nelle Rolf, in honor of Charles Rolf's 45th anniversary as an usher; Rubach family, in memory of Ronald Rubach; Fern Ruth and family, in memory of Donald Ruth; Saberton family, in memory of Ronald Saberton; Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler, to the glory of God; Sheets and Velten families, in memory of William and Lavinia Lauman, our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents; James and Donna Stabile, in honor of grandchildren Brayden and Madelyn Stabile; Anita Thomas, in memory of Don Thomas; Arlene Thorburg, in memory of Jim Thorburg; Butch and Vickie Verbeck, in memory of son Michael Rickman; Sandy Wanstreet, in memory of Robert Wanstreet; Allen and Linda Wentzel, in memory of Rose Wentzel; Mildred Werner, in memory of Hereld Werner; Mary Widitz, in memory of Helen Muhlenbruch; Eldon and Judi Winker, to the glory of God; Diane Woehr, in memory of Albert Woehr and in honor of Christine Woehr; Ralph and Shirley Wolters, in memory of loved ones; Rob and Marlene Wussler, to the glory of God; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in honor of our parents Tom & Rose Zaretsky and Rich & Barb Eichhorst;

EASTER PLANTS may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. service today or by Friday, April 1.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2016:

Today: **Easter**
 7:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 7:30 Easter Breakfast
 8:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 9:20 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Mon: **OFFICE CLOSED**
 6:30 Elders
Tues: 9:00 Quilters
 6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed: 7:00 Alleluia Ringers Rehearsal
 7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thurs: 9:00 Mary / Martha
 5:30 ESL Sports
 6:30 ESL Classes
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri: 3:30 Jr. Youth Retreat Leaves
Sat: 9:00 Peace Lutheran Athletic Association
 5:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Sun: 8:00 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 Sunday School
 9:20 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30 Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 11:45 Life Ministry Team
 3:30 Jr. Youth Retreat Returns
 7:00 Peter Carciples - Hintons