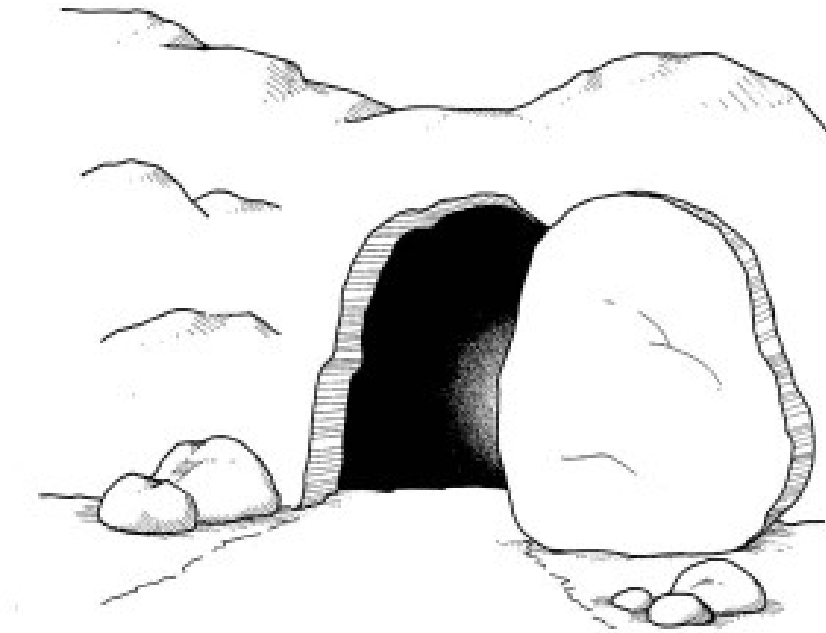


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## THE EASTER RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

### AS WE GATHER

Jesus is alive! Death and the grave could not hold Him. His resurrection ensures our own. The Resurrection of our Lord is indeed the chief festival in the church year. In it we see the guarantee that our sins have been forgiven and Satan defeated. The day also gives us the blessed comfort and assurance that all who have died in the Lord will rise on the last day. By faith we are enabled to look beyond the grave because of Christ's empty grave. He has crossed the river, and will deliver our passing souls when we pass from death to life eternal. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### PRELUDE / RINGING OF THE BELLS

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** – LSB #465 “Now All the Vault”

*The congregation rises and turns to face the cross, turning as it passes.)*

### WELCOME / SHARING OF THE PEACE

### INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION OF EASTER *(spoken boldly)*

P: The Lord is risen. Alleluia!

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

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: The angel spoke to the disciples, "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He is risen." Alleluia!

**C: Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

**C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

**ALL: 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 the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. 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.**

### **RETURN OF THE HYMN OF PRAISE!**

"This is the feast of victory" (p. 161 in front of hymnal)

### **PSALMODY** (Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24)

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**C: His love endures forever.**

P: Let Israel say:

**C: "His love endures forever."**

P: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**C: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

P: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

**C: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

P: I will not die but live,

**C: and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

P: The Lord has chastened me severely,

**C: but He has not given me over to death.**

P: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

**C: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

P: This is the gate of the Lord

**C: through which the righteous may enter.**

P: I will give You thanks, for You answered me;

**C: You have become my salvation.**

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**C: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **CHOIR**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** – Isaiah 25:6-9 <sup>ESV</sup>

*(On Mount Zion our Lord conquers sin and death.)*

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. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 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. 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."

### **EPISTLE LESSON** – 1 Cor. 15:1-11 <sup>ESV</sup>

*(The Resurrection of Christ is of First Importance.)*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

*(As the following hymn is sung, the processional cross is ushered to the middle of the congregation. This represents the presence of risen Lord in the midst of our congregation! Please face the cross.)*

### **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

LSB #461 vs. 1-2 "I Know That My"

### **HOLY GOSPEL** – Mark 16:1-8 <sup>ESV</sup>

*(The resurrection account of our Lord)*

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 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. 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.” 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.

## **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

LSB #461 vs. 5-8 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

## **SERMON**

## **NICENE CREED**

**OFFERING** (*The hymn will be sung during the offering*)

**HYMN** – LSB #469 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Risen Lord and Father in heaven, for all ministers and teachers of Your Word, that they may always be faithful to their calling, and by their lives and example bring honor to Your name and lead others in the way of truth; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the Church, that all schisms may be healed, and that it may be a strong witness to the world of the good news of the Gospel of Christ Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the nations of the earth that all wars may cease among them, and that all their inhabitants and rulers may come to know You as their Lord and Savior; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the unchurched, that Your Spirit would touch them through our witness and bring them to faith in You; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For those who are alone--the homebound, and those confined to hospitals or nursing homes, especially . . . that their hope may be continuously in You and that by Your resurrection they may be revitalized in the hope of eternal life in heaven with You, freed from all pain and sorrow; Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: On this day of Your glorious resurrection, we remember all our loved ones who have died in faith. (*Silence for a moment.*) Give us faith to believe that they are now in fullness of joy at Your right hand. Help us to follow their example of faith until that day when we too will pass from the grave to eternal life with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **ADMONITION TO COMMUNICANTS**

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and His own words administer and receive the Testament.

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**

LSB #457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB #680 “Thine The Amen”

LSB #525 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

LSB #464 “The Strife Is O’er”

## BLESSING

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

P: The Lord is risen. Alleluia!

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

**CLOSING HYMN** – LSB #490 vs 1-3 “He’s Risen! He’s Risen!”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / POSTLUDE

### † † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine. (*"This is my body . . . This is my blood."* Matt. 26:26,28) We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and the strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

### † † **VISITORS and MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God, and encourage you to visit us again when possible.