

resurrection
REALity

**All Will Be
Made Alive**

Easter Festival

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 8am/10:45am

RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, “Christ has indeed been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus’ resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus’ resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter “a joyful week of weeks”—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

ALL WILL BE MADE ALIVE

The film director Woody Allen once said, “I’m not afraid to die, I just don’t want to be there when it happens.” Studies have shown that most people fear death to varying degrees. This fear is so common, there is even a field of psychological study called thanatology. It examines human reaction to death and dying. One of the biggest reasons people fear death is the perception of its permanency. In the normal realm of human existence, dead is dead. Someone dies, and all you have are pictures and memories. That is the way people typically think, but it is far from reality. Today, Christ proves to us that death is not final at all!

Easter teaches us that Christ is the first fruits of those who have died. Just as Christ rose, “so in Christ all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22). That changes everything: the way we grieve the death of a Christian loved one, the way we feel when our health fails, the way we look at the purpose of life right now. Let us rejoice in this resurrection reality: All will be made alive!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! God bless your worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	8:00am: Pastor John Hartmann	10:45am: Pastor David Clark
Preacher		Pastor Adam Mueller
Organist/Pianist		Nathan Reich, Rachel Casmer
Choir		<i>Directed by:</i> Nathan Reich
Musicians		Sharon Hartmann, Cheryl & Adam Koniar, Archie Mueller, Gail & Calli Stoeckman, Marsha Turner, Charlene Vatterrodt, Ben Webster, Caryn Williams
Preservice	Lily Casmer, Alanna Koniar, Seth Valleskey, Carson Williams, Chloe Williams	

† ORDER OF SERVICE †

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Greeting and welcome

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today | 465:1,3-4,6

Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgical statement

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Exodus 15:1-2

Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 95:2

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Psalm 118:17

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Liturgical statement

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.

The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Exodus 15:6-7

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:54

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave.

He has made known to me the path of life.

Psalm 16:10-11

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:55,57*

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. *Job 19:25*

**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
and he will reign forever and ever.**

Revelation 11:15

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. *Revelation 7:10*

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

Revelation 5:12

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgical statement

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Melodic Gloria

Choir: first refrain, verses **Congregation:** repeat first refrain, remaining refrains

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **Refrain**

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

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, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain x2**

Be seated

BAPTISM

Aaron Lewis Klouse

10:45 a.m. service

The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

I Am the Resurrection

Refrain:

I am the resurrection and the life
He who believes in me will never die.
My name is Christ Jesus, I am the life
He who believes in me will live a new life.

I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life.
If you believe, then you shall live. *(Refrain)*

In my Word all men will come to know;
It is love which makes the spirit grow.
If you believe, then you shall live. *(Refrain)*

Keep in mind the things that I have said,
Remember me in the breaking of the bread.
If you believe, then you shall live. *(Refrain)*



FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27

Job speaks confidently of the day he will see God with his own eyes.

- 23 "Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
24 that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
25 I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
26 And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
27 I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Christ is our hope!

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him!
There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Jesus' resurrection destroys death and gives us hope for eternal life.

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:24

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

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

An angel announces the resurrection to the women.

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 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 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives | **441:1-2,5,7-8**

All: vs. 1-2,8 **Women:** v. 5 **Men:** v. 7

SERMON

"Vindication!"

Mark 16:1-8



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy today, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts, and implant it in our minds.

Through the good news of your resurrection, renew our hope and revive our faith.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life.

Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb.

Ease their pain by reminding them their loved ones will one day rise again.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of your resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts.

Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact.

Comfort them with your promise to raise and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours.

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and the feast of your sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND MUSICAL OFFERTORY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Luke Benson
Megan Quintero (Sophia & Adrian)
8:00 a.m. service

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today | **438:1,3-4**

Stand

EASTER PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are the stone the builders rejected, but on this day we rejoice that you have become the cornerstone. By your death you conquered sin, and now by your powerful resurrection you restored our innocence and gave us everlasting life. Fill our hearts with steadfast faith that we may daily serve you in your kingdom. We praise you for facing the fury of your enemies undaunted. We will not die but live, and we will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Alleluia! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven

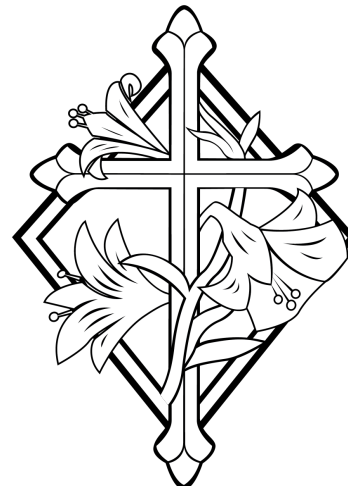
**hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with his favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

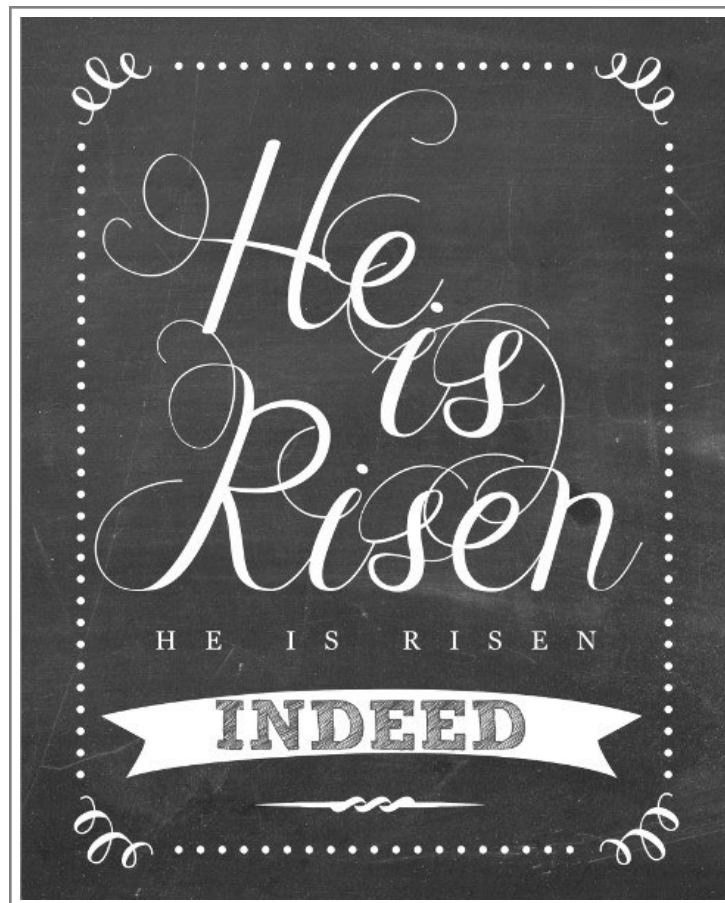
Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection | 450:1,3

A BLESSED EASTER TO ALL ...

from the pastors, faculty and staff of Redeemer Lutheran Church and School!



- ❖ *Please reserve the pews in the back of the church for families with small children.*
- ❖ *Restrooms are located in the entrance area of the church. A changing table is available in the women's restroom.*
- ❖ *A quiet room with a window is available in the entrance area of the church and offers live audio of the service. Parents may use this room to calm a restless child.*
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