



BECAUSE

He

LIVES

I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

*"I know that my Redeemer lives."*

JOB 19:25 NIV

# Sunday, April 8, 2012

## Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

### INTRODUCTION

*This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.*

### GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope,  
be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" # 365 ELW**

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

P Thank you, our Father, God, for the news of Easter;

**C We rejoice in the resurrection story, O God.**

P We are humbled by the magnificence of new life;

**C And we ask for continual renewal of life, O Father.**

P For the joy that sprang from the grave; for the happiness that Jesus' friends felt when He recognized them and called them by name and for the blessing of knowing him,

**C We give you thanks; O God.**

P Rekindle in us, this Easter, the faith you have so generously bestowed upon us through your Holy Spirit;

**C That our feelings, thoughts, words, and deeds may be directed by our trust in you, O Father.**

P Shower upon the whole earth, Magnificent God, the resurrection news:

**C That even where people do not know your Son, he may instill justice, at the very least, and merciful loving kindness, if possible, in the minds and hearts of all people.**

P At this season of the year, when the best news of all is proclaimed again and again, let it especially be heard by those who are sick;

**C By those who are troubled, in any way;**

P By those who are distressed in mind or spirit;

**C By those who are dying;**

P By those who are grieving for a loved one already called to triumphant life with you;

**C By all, O Father, who, in any way, need even stronger reassurance that yours is the victory over everything that can possibly destroy us.**

P Reassure them, and us that ours, too, is the same victory through Christ, whom we have accepted in faith.

**ALL: Unto you, O God, Father, Son and Spirit, we give praise and honor now and forever. Amen.**

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Lord is Risen"**

### **FIRST 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 Lord in the preaching of this faith.*

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 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.

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, and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 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, unfit 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 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24**

*Refrain: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

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

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

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

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

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

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. R**

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

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

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

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

**R**

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

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

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



## OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With a new heart and new life, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

*A time for silent prayer.*

In abundant joy, we pray for all Christian assemblies united this morning at the empty tomb. Help us see you in those we do not expect, and remove all fear from our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In humility, we pray for this planet, our earthly home. Heal what we have scarred and broken; renew the face of the earth, from north to south, from east to west, to reflect Christ's glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world. By the light of the resurrection, destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples. Bring peace to every country, city, village, and household. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In hope, we pray you will wipe away the tears from all who weep. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In grace, we pray for those joyfully gathered here by your Spirit. Give us words to boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen. Feed all visitors here today with your Word. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be made.*

In thanksgiving, we remember those who saw the Lord in life, and now see him face to face. May their faithful witness inspire us to sing our "Alleluia!" again and again. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“Thine is the Glory”**

**# 376 ELW**

**HAVE A  
GLORIOUS  
EASTER!**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ.  
We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community.  
We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a  
welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

## **“In the Garden”**

I come the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

**Chorus:** And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet, the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.

**Chorus:**

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go in the voice of woe His voice to me is calling

**Chorus:**

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## **“He Lives”**

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

*Refrain*

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

*Refrain*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving so good and kind.

*Refrain*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**YOUTH & Families** are serving **Easter Breakfast** from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. today. Come join us for a delicious meal! Free will offering accepted.

**WOMEN'S DEVOTIONS** on April 16<sup>th</sup> will be held at Pat Becker's instead of Jan Phillipp's as stated in the newsletter.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENT** will meet with Pastor Jim on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION** will be held on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Pat Becker will be doing a presentation on her **trip to Israel** on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Worship & Music Evaluation meeting** at which time everyone interested will be able to present their ideas on what they would like to see taking place in our church in regard to our worship services & music. Items to be discussed will be church time, Saturday services, liturgy, music, special music, and any other suggestions you may have. So come join us and give us your input!

**Worship & Music Committee** members don't forget that we meet on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Our sister in Christ, **Donna Moe**, passed away on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> here at Bethesda. Visitation is at 1:00 p.m.

EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN BY:		IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:	
Richard & Karen Carron		Our Family	
Sue & Sam Samuelson		Our Family	
Mary Swanson		Del Swanson	
Darrell Kelly		Family	
Carol Bakken		Maynard	
Doug & Ingrid Trandahl		Loved Ones	
Dick Gripp		Kathy	
Jan Phillipp		Memory of Hans & Parents	
Wayne & J Joanne Danielson		Mothers	
Pastor Jim & Karen Raisanen		Honor of our Grandchildren	
Bill & Cheri Johnson		Our Mothers	
Skip & Lynn Hansen		Loved Ones	
Les & Jean Bolke		Daughter Leslie	
Bev Wedig		Al & Jen	
Warren & Gale Rolek		Parents	
Marilyn Andrews		Loving Husband & Parents	
Joyce Rimer		Loved Ones	
Karen Miller		Todd	
Randy & Laurina Tofteland		Our Fathers and Brother & Family	
Barb Westerlund		Howard Westerlund	
Jack & Jan Feyo		Parents & Family	
Marlys LeClaire		Memory of Husband/Parents	
Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger		Honor of our Grandchildren	
Alene & Mark Korngable		Henry	
Darwin & Jeannine B ruesewitz		Memory & Honor of Parents	
Steve Lackner		Don Lackner	
Harlow & Eileen Dickinson		Parents	