

Memory Verse of the Week

⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

+Matthew 28:5-6



Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. (Remote)

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 AM-3:00 PM

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P = Pastor; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020 - 10:00 am (Remote)

Prelude..... *Easter - Dawn* - ALOÿS CLAUSMANN

Welcome & Announcements

The Easter Proclamation

P: Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

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

Women: The women who went to the tomb were faithful witnesses.

C: **They were there at the cross, keeping watch over his death;**

Men: They learned from Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus where Jesus was buried;

Women: And on the third day they made their way to that tomb to anoint their Lord's body.

Gospel Reading and Ringing of the Church Bells John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the

tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

(church bells begin sustained peal)

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: Alleluia, Jesus Christ is risen!

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

P: And one day we will see the light of life everlasting in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: **Alleluia!!!**

Opening Hymn **WORSHIP BOOK - 365**
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Vs 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon a cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Vs 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!

Vs 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!

Vs 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***The Greeting**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

C: **And also with you.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always—

C: **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you with the words, "He is risen!" to which they may reply, "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

***Hymn of Praise WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Pages 149-150**
"This Is the Feast"



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***The Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

***The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray, O God,

C: **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.

WORD

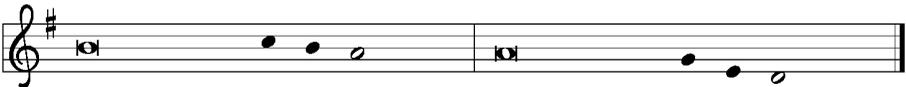
The First Reading.....*Acts 10:34-43*

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (sung responsively)



Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now declare,
“God's mercy en- | dures 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.**

The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver 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 righ- | teous may enter.”

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

The stone that the build- | ers 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.

The Second Reading.....*Colossians 3:1-4*

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 28:1-10*

(text for pastor’s sermon)

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Good News of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Paul Offhaus

Hymn of the Day “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n with voices raise!
Sing to God a hymn of gladness. Sing to God a hymn of praise!

He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory now is risen from the dead!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat!
See the ancient powers 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!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus, King of Glory!
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus, King of Glory!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Joyful we adore thee!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the

Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (after each petition, please respond as follows):

A: Lord, in your mercy, P: ...through Christ our Lord.
C: hear our prayer. C: Amen.

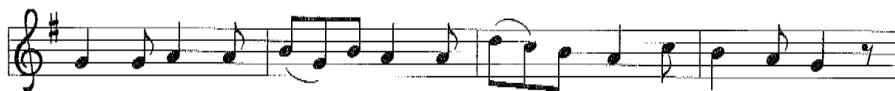
MEAL

Time of Offering

Canticle of Thanksgiving WORSHIP BOOK - 207
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion (in your own homes)

(Lutheran Christians proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly present “in, with and under” the ordinary elements of bread and wine. To receive Holy Communion, therefore, is to receive Christ. All who seek to be nourished in faith and life through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this Meal.)

Special Music “*Remembrance (The Communion Song)*”
- Matt Maher, Matt Redman (Jay Heare, soloist)

Oh, how could it be
that my God would welcome me into this mystery,
say, “Take this bread, take this wine?”
Now the simple made divine for any to receive.

By your mercy we come to your table.
By your grace you are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember you, and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you, our worship leads to communion.
We respond to your invitation.
We remember you.

See his body, his blood;
know that he has overcome every trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed.
All are welcome in this place.

By your mercy we come to your table.
By your grace you are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember you, and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you, our worship leads to communion.
We respond to your invitation.
We remember you.

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
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we respond to your invitation,
we remember you.

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

P: May the God who shakes heaven and earth, whom death itself
could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you
with the power to go out and proclaim the Good News that you
have heard here this morning!

C: Amen!

Sending Hymn **WORSHIP BOOK - 369**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

Vs 1 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!

Vs 2 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!

Vs 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Vs 4 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!

***Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace.
Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude.....*Alleluia on "Good Christians, Rejoice and Sing"*
(ELW 385) - Gilbert M. Martin

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (4/12)

Presiding Minister & Preacher..... Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister..... Jane Porter-Gresham
Worship LeaderJay Heare
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild.....Cheryl Kienzle, Sue Kienzle (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound.....Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (4/19)

Presiding Minister & Preacher..... Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister..... Linda McGahey
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild..... Bonnie Shurboff (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound.....Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul



365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, nr.;
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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