

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNRISE

7:00am

## AS WE GATHER

At last! The day of Easter is finally here! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The darkness of death is now overwhelmed by the light of Christ's resurrection victory. Satan stands defeated, and death is destroyed. The enemy no longer has power over Christ Jesus, nor does he have claim over your life either! As you bow in faith before Jesus and rise to sing your praises to Him early this Easter morning, may the joy of this day inspire you to find joy in your Savior every day. New beginnings start at the empty tomb, and there's no better way to begin our Easter celebration than at the break of day, joining together to sing the praises of Him who died yet was raised to life again. "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN LSB 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 4 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!

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### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

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

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**PSALM** Psalm 118:15–21, 23; antiphon: v. 24

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

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

Pastor: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

**People: the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

Pastor: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**People: The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.**

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

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

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Pastor: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

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

**KYRIE**

Pastor: Risen Redeemer,

**People: have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Conquering King,

**People: have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Victorious Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**People: grant us Your peace.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You defeated death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

**People: Take away all gloom and sadness, and fill us with the joy of His resurrection victory;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 15:1–11*

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

<sup>1</sup>“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider<sup>[a]</sup> he has thrown into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.  
<sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.  
<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.  
<sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.  
<sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup>The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’  
<sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.  
<sup>11</sup>“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE**     *1 Corinthians 5:6b–8*

<sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**     *Mark 16:1-8*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *LSB 475*      “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**SERMON**      “Coffin Confusion”

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**      *Matthew 6:9–13*

**CLOSING SENTENCES**      *Psalm 118:23–24*

- Pastor:      This is the LORD’s doing;  
**People:      it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
Pastor:      This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**People:      let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

- Pastor:      The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**People:      Amen.**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

- Pastor:      Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**People:      He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *LSB 461, vv 1-3,8*      I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 1 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.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 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.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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