



Easter

*Just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

ROMANS 6:4 (NIV)

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Our Mission: *Faith Grows!*

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Welcome Guests: We especially wish to welcome you if you are our guest this Easter Day. Your presence enriches our worship and fellowship. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become part of the community at Faith Lutheran Church.

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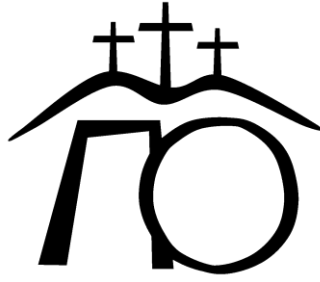
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Easter Sunday Festival Worship Celebration

April 20, 2025
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Jesus compels us to ponder the unthinkable, the amazing – to embrace a cataclysmic event that destroys death and literally makes all things new. Resurrection! Christ’s brutal coronation and crucifixion ensures that the entire cosmos, the heavens and the earth, are renewed – in resurrection! Chills soar through our souls at the very thought of it all. In confident faith we are bold to confess that king Jesus unleashes His incomparable reign, crushing the evil aggression of principalities, authorities, and even Satan himself. Unrelenting shouts and songs of alleluia shape the church today because of resurrection. Setting aside all timidity, fear, and anxiety, the church acclaims “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Resurrection confidence in Jesus unites our speech and our song on this day, as we await – with the same confidence – our own day of resurrection, with all the saints in glory.

PRELUDE

“Improvisations on a Hymn”

| CHIMING OF THE TRINITY *(The Congregation stands at the chiming of the bell.)*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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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 ye 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!

| CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If Christ is our hope in this life only,

People: We deserve more pity than any other people.

Pastor: But now Christ has come back from the dead.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection.)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If Christ is our hope in this life only,

People: We deserve more pity than any other people.

Pastor: But now Christ has come back from the dead! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Word

† EASTER COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

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



C 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.

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

lu - ia. 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.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a

few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF TRIUMPH *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* Page 469, vs. 1, 3 & 4



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: 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.

EASTER GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF GLORY

"Thine Is the Glory"



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, — con - q'ring Son;
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en — from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life!



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hath won.
Lov - ing - ly He greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom.
Life is — naught with - out Thee; Aid us in our strife.



An - gels in bright rai - ment Rolled the stone a - way,
Let — His church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make us — more than con - q'rors, Thro' Thy death - less love:



Kept the fold - ed grave-clothes Where Thy bod - y lay.
For — her Lord now liv - eth; Death hath lost its sting.
Bring us — safe thro' Jor - dan To thy home a - bove.

Refrain



Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, — con - q'ring Son;



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hath won.

EASTER MESSAGE

“The Empty Tomb: What It Means for Us Today”

Pastor Donald Treglown

Text: Luke 24:1-12

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Coronation”

Craig Courtney

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

The Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

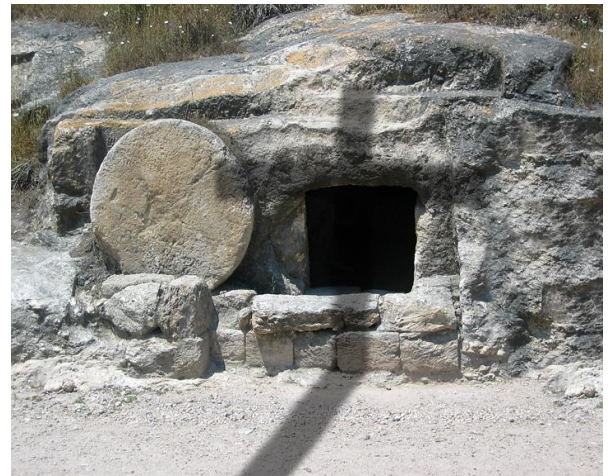
People: And also with you.

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my song.

People: He is my Savior.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.





1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!



| WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My ✝ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My ✝ Blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

| BLESSING

Pastor: May none of God's wonderful works keep silence, night or morning. Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers: May all these break into song as we sing to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May all the angels in the heavens reply: Amen! Amen! Amen! Power and praise, honor and eternal glory to God, the only Giver of grace.

People: Amen!



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

† BENEDICTION

Based on Psalm 118:1, 24

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. Give thanks to the Lord because He is good!

People: **And His mercy endures forever!**

Pastor: The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

· DISTRIBUTION

(If you are communing with us for the first time, please review the Communion Statement inserted in the front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord welcomes you to His table, knowing that your coming shows agreement with us in these statements of faith.)

POSTLUDE



Serving this Easter Day

Celebrant/Preacher		Pastor Donald Treglown
Pastors		Pastor Bradford Hildebrandt Pastor Owen Duncan
Elders	8:30 a.m.	Brian Wurster & Craig Hazelett
	10:30 a.m.	David Treglown & Blair Musbach
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	Doug Maibenco, Dixon Benz & Mike Werner
	10:30 a.m.	Jim Baase, Shirley Neumann & David Templin
Music Director		J. Matthew Swingle
Musicians	10:30 a.m.	Steven Giro, Manny Lima, & Owen Rhoads (trumpets)
	8:30 & 10:30 a.m.	FLC Chancel Choir