

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" Hymn #135
(Both Services)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing the meal: Distribution will be continuous. Grape juice is available. Children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Songs for Communion

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"
"Jesus Paid It All"

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

SENDING HYMN "Thine is the Glory", (8:30 am Service)

"How Great Thou Art", (10:30 am Service)

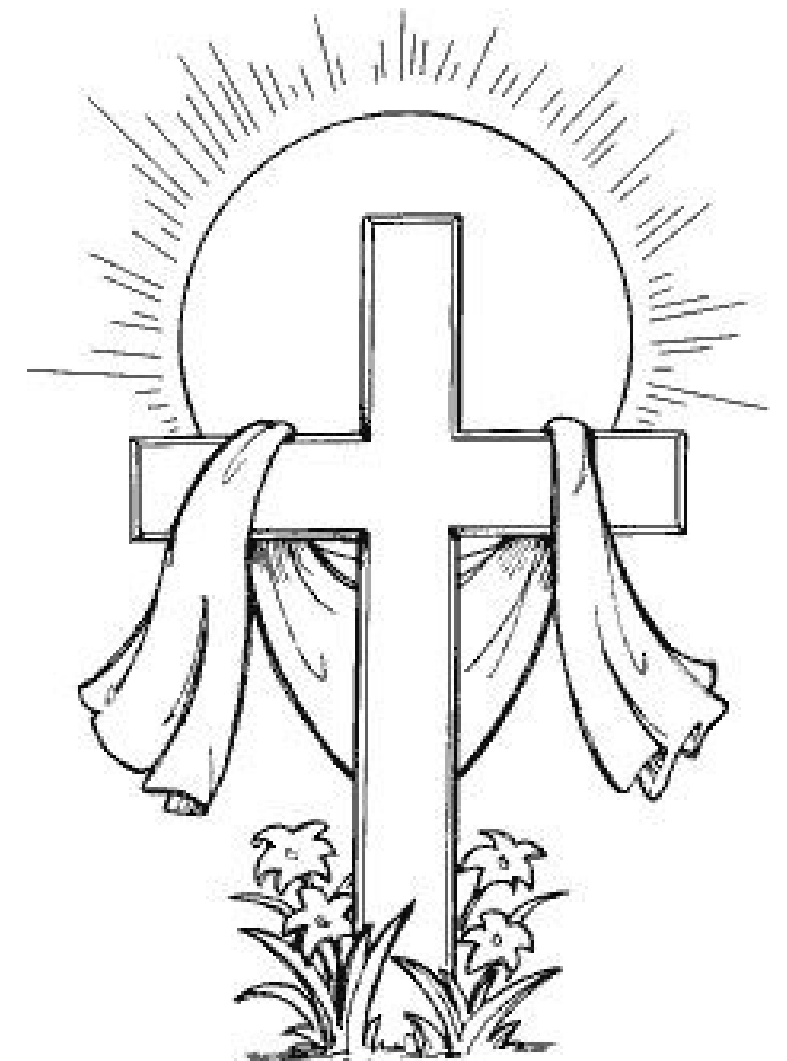
BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

EASTER SUNDAY

Reader: Ruth Hofland (8:30 am)
Piano & Organ: Tish DeYoung (8:30 am & 10:30 am)
Trumpet: John Maruska (7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am)



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REGULAR WORSHIP:

Sat 5:00 PM

Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM & Livestream • 11:45 Parking Lot

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**Saving Grace
Lutheran Church**
March 31, 2024, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Mercy Tree"

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

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

Amen

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" HYMN #151

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**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!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

When death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
(Rev.21:4) shattered hearts will be mended.

We will see Him as He is! He is Lord of heaven and earth!

Death could not contain Him, the stone has been rolled away, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The angels have proclaimed it, with terror and amazement we believe it! Christ
Is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

**Almighty God, You gave Your Son, Jesus Christ to suffer death on
a cross and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from
the power of death. The dawn shines with the radiance of the risen**

**Lord Jesus Christ. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live
with You forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

FIRST READING **Acts 10:34-43** NT p. 1004
Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no
partiality but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John
announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he
did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him
on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not
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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that
everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(When the reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 15:1-11** NT p. 1050

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters,^[a] of the good news^[b] that
I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you
stand, ² 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. ³ 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, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then
to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and
sisters^[c] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have
died.^[d] ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all,
as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of
the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of
God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim
and so you have come to believe.

(When the reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God.")

SPECIAL MUSIC "Because He Lives" **Saving Grace Choir**
Arranged by Mary McDonald

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" Hymn #143

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:**

**"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL **John 20:1-18** NT p. 990

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early 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. ² So 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 towards 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.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to
look^[a] 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
round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was
Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you
looking?' 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,^[b] 'Rabbouni!' (which means
Teacher). 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.

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says, "Glory to you, O Lord!")
(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ!")