

Peace Lutheran Church
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
April 20, 2025 + 6:00 am

As worshippers enter the darkened sanctuary, the paschal candle gives light to the darkness. This "Easter candle" reminds us that death and the grave had no hold on Jesus. He emerged alive from the tomb! We gather to celebrate His victorious resurrection.

SOLO

"Were You There"

Todd Burns

THE OPENING RESPONSES: *Spoken from the entrance to the Sanctuary.*

- L: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. (*John 20:1*)
- C: But when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.** (*Luke 24:3*)
- L: They saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. (*Mark 16:5-6*)
- C: He has risen! He is not here."** (*Mark 16:6*)
- L: So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (*Matthew 28:8*) Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:
- C: "I have seen the Lord!"** (*John 20:18*)
- L: People of God, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"
- C: He is not here; for He has risen!"**
- L: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But...
- C: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**
(*1 Corinthians 15:56-57*)
- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

PROCESSIONAL

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457 v. 1-4

THE EASTER INVOCATION

- L: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

C: The crucified is risen! Alleluia!

L: In His great mercy, God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *(1 Peter 1:3)*

C: For Christ must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:25-26)

L: God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. *(Acts 2:24)*

C: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

L: As we gather for worship on this day of the resurrection, we call on the name of the only living God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ: This morning we walk with the women to the garden graveyard, to the place that has transformed our world and our own life. This is where we meet the risen Lord Jesus, who was victorious over sin, death, and the devil. We come to Him now, confessing our sins and seeking His gracious forgiveness. With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins:

C: Forgive us Lord and have mercy upon us. Forgive our self-centered rebellion against You and our lack of love for others. Roll away the stone of sin and the hardness of our own hearts and lives.

L: Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. In your baptism your sinful nature was united to the death of Jesus and you were raised to new life. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus! Alleluia! In Jesus' name, and by the power of His resurrection, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! We have been forgiven! We have been restored to new life in Christ! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" **LSB 477 v. 1-3**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:15-24

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

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

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BELL CHOIR

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 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,

unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

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GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461 v. 1-3, 8

SERMON

"Rolling Stone"
Luke 24:1-12

Pastor Jarod Fenske

APOSTLES' 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 body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING/PRAYER

EASTER PRAYER OF JOY

L: Lord God, Heavenly Father, thank You for taking the cross of Jesus Christ, Your Son, and turning His seeming defeat into victory by raising Him from the dead.

C: You rolled the stone away so that we may live in the light and truth of His Easter victory.

L: Give to us joy, O Lord, that we may look to Jesus, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

C: Give to us the joy of the open tomb, O risen Lord!

L: God of all grace, Your care for us knows no limits. When we mourn, You comfort us; when we suffer, You strengthen us; when we are ill, You heal us and help us to endure. Hear our prayers for.... *(spoken prayers for those with special needs)* O Risen and ever-present Lord,

C: Hear our prayer!

L: Give to us joy, O Lord, all the days of our life - the joy of forgiveness, life and salvation.

C: And the joy of believing in Your resurrection victory. Amen!

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: The celebration of the Lord's Supper is a gift from Christ to His church in order to strengthen our faith and grant us His grace. Because our participation in this sacrament is a proclamation of our common faith, and may be taken either to one's spiritual benefit or harm, guests who hold to a different confession of faith or have yet to complete Lutheran confirmation, are invited to come forward for a blessing rather than to receive the Supper. This can be done by crossing your hands in front of you as you come forward. We pray: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of Your blessings of grace that come to us through faith in Him who defeated death and the grave, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

L: 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 His 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.

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

C: And also with you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Bell Choir "All Hail the Risen King"
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
"Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing"

LSB 525 v. 1-5

LSB 475 v. 1-4

COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST PRAYER

BENEDICTION

L: For this purpose Christ came and for this purpose He died and was raised: to bring salvation to all. May the Lord who brought salvation to all through the cross and empty tomb bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465 v.1

Trumpet Players:

Kathryn Gorichan

Kelly Grucelski