

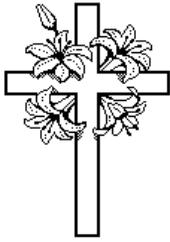


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# EASTER CHANGED EVERYTHING!

How can a holiday change anything, especially one with candy and colored eggs? Especially with everything that is happening in our world in the last weeks and for the unforeseeable future? Can Easter change anything? Yes! Because Easter is the celebration of an amazing event when Jesus gave his life to save us – and his rising changed everything! Welcome! May God change your heart through the message of Easter.

Our path of worship this morning is printed in this service folder. Please join in reading the responses marked with the “C” for Congregation.

## Hymn Response

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (#157:1-3)



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!

## The Easter Response

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**L:** Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed!

**L:** Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed.

**C:** Lord of life, it is for me that you triumphed.  
For my faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For my sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You have triumphed on the cross and at the empty tomb.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**L:** Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

**C:** Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**L:** If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

**C:** Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**L:** If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**L:** Z

## Response

♪ 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!



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Prayer of the Day

L. Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C. *(spoken with confidence)* **Amen.**

### Lesson from the Old Testament

**Jonah 2:2-9** (p.1437)

*Jonah in the belly of the fish is a type of Christ – a picture of how Jesus would conquer death as the Lord of Life.*

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. <sup>2</sup> He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From the depths of the grave I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the deep,  
into the very heart of the seas,  
and the currents swirled about me;  
all your waves and breakers swept over me.

<sup>4</sup> I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight;  
yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’

<sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me,  
the deep surrounded me;  
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down;  
the earth beneath barred me in forever.  
But you, brought my life up from the pit,  
O LORD my God.

<sup>7</sup> “When my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered you, LORD,

and my prayer rose to you,  
to your holy temple.

8 “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

L. Christ is risen!

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

## Lesson from the Psalms

PSALM #118

*Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

The LORD’s right had is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things.

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

### Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes –

This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Refrain

## Lesson from the Gospels

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

L. Christ is risen!

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

L. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C. Praise be to you, O Christ!**



HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (#152)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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!"

### Lesson from the Letter to the Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Easter Changes Everything!

Our Past

Our Present

Our Future

### Confession of Faith:

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## **The Offering and Musical Offering by David and Alexis Stansfield**

*Guests, please do not feel obligated to give. This is a way our members show thankfulness to God and offer their gifts as an act of worship. The vast majority of our church ministry is carried out by what is given on Sunday mornings. Your presence with us this morning is your gift.*

*Members of Grace, during this time of isolation, your gifts can be sent in by mail or delivered to church while the office is open, or you can give online through our website, [gracelutheran.church](http://gracelutheran.church).*

## **Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer**

**L** Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C** **Christ is risen!**

**L** For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C** **He is risen indeed!**

**L** He was delivered to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. We are declared NOT guilty.

**C** **Alleluia!**

**L** We marvel at the love you showed by giving us your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in praise at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**C** **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

**L** Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C** **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

**L** With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

**C** **You are risen!**

**L** Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**C** **You are risen indeed!**

**L** Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**C** **Alleluia!**

**L** Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C** **We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

**L** Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C** **He is risen!**

**L** As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**C** **He is risen indeed!**

**L** Use this day of Easter to grant peace to our world in a time of uncertainty. Use the people of your church to share the good news of the empty tomb that fears may fade away. Bless the message that is proclaimed today through technology and media and different means, that faith is created and strengthened so all God's people set their hearts and minds on things above with Christ where he rules over all things.

**C** **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth as it 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 the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## The Blessing (from Hebrews 13:20-21)

L. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him.

**C. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen!**

L. The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with his favor and give you his peace.

**C. Amen.**

## Closing hymn

## This Joyful Eastertide (#160)



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

### *Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

 HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

Thanks

To all who helped get ready for today's worship

Rene Challacombe – flowers

David and Alexis Stansfield – music

Eric Erickson – video

To all of you for your worship

To our risen Lord Jesus Christ and the life he gives us!

Join us as our Easter sermon series continues: Easter Changed Everything



Next week: Uncertainty → Security

April 26 Blending in → Set apart

May 3 Wandering → Following

May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day

We are working on an online Bible study where we can “see” and “talk” and “connect” with each other and God's Word. Sign up for a certain time and meet with 8-10 other members.

