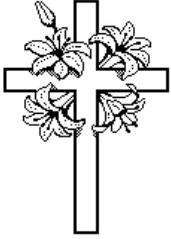


Certain hope
FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

Easter Sunday 2021



Finally some certainty! And not because of vaccines and new color tiers, but because of Easter, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead! His rising means we have a certain hope for uncertain times. We are so happy you are here to celebrate that certainty with us!

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In the land of gracious living*

We are part of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, churches throughout the world united to share Jesus.

We are part of the federation of Californian Lutheran High School here in southern California.

Whether you are a first time visitor or back at “home”, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come and worship with us again.

- If you would like more information about Grace Church, we would love to share. Speak with Pastor Sievert or any of our members. You may also want to check out our website www.gracelutheran.church.
- Restrooms are located across the breezeway just inside our Grace Hall.



Notice today that **The Paschal Candle**, lighted during the Easter Season and at every baptism, connects us to the Savior’s resurrection. As Jesus lives and is the light of the world, so we have life with God. Since we were not meeting in person at this time last year, today marks the first time the candle has been used in worship!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Congregation: Amen.

L: Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.
Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn Response

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (#157)



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

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.

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: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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

- L: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?
- C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- L: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us praise the Lord.

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.**

The First Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord has prepared a feast of victory.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

With respect for the words and works of Jesus, we stand to hear the Holy Gospel.

The Reading from the Gospels

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Response:

- L. Christ is risen!
- C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

- L. Surely this is our God;
- C. We trusted in him, and he saved us!**

- L. This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
- C. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!**





**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!**

**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!"**

Sermon based on 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

CERTAINTY FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion,

authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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 *During this time of social distancing, we've been gathering the offering at the entryway or through ACD. We do so recognizing that it is still an act of worship. We give because we have been given so much. Guests, please do not feel obligated to give. Your presence with us this morning is your gift.*

Prayer of the Church

L Father in heaven, You raised Your Son Jesus Christ from the dead as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 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. Fill all Your people with the joy of His victory, and give us confidence to live in such a way that proclaims,

C **I know that my Redeemer lives.**

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

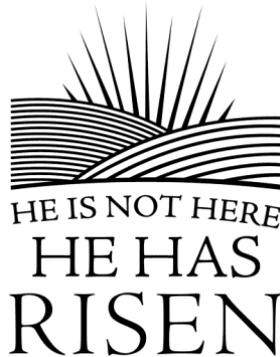
C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

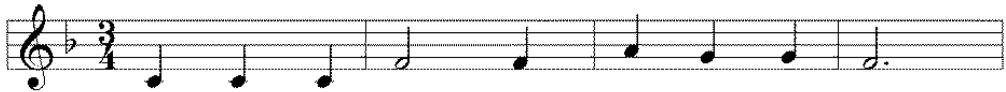
The Blessing (from Hebrews 13:20-21)

- 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!**



Closing hymn

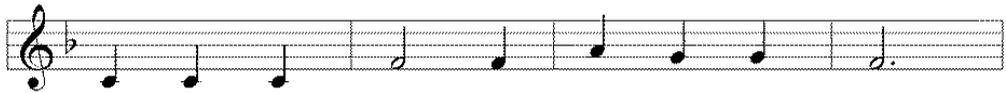
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!



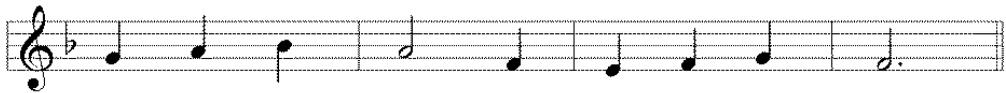
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

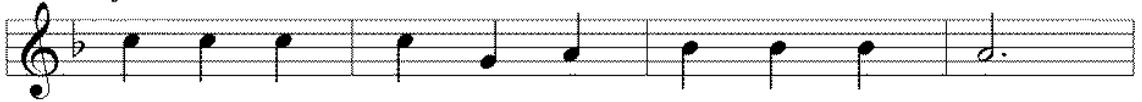


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go.
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

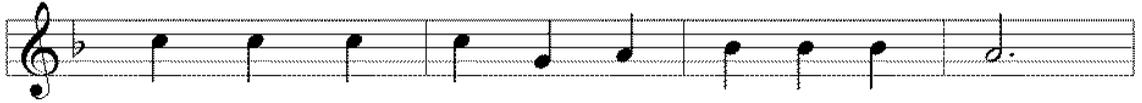


E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

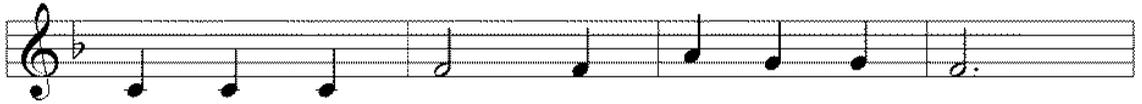
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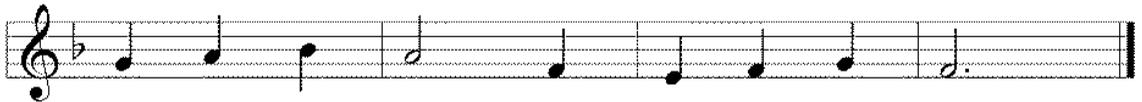
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!



Join us as our Easter sermon series continues: Certainty for Uncertain Times
Sundays at 9:30 AM / Online each Sunday



12-15 meet every Thursday for a ZOOM Bible Study. We would love to have you join us – either at 10 AM or 7 PM.

Coming this month:

- April 17th – Friends Network workshop for cross cultural outreach –
8:30 AM – at Pan de Vida Lutheran Church (see pastor for details)
- April 18th – Ilena Vandiver confirmation Sunday
- April 24th – California Lutheran High School Run the Race Silent/Online
Auction at 6 PM (they are looking for donations) clhsonline.net
- April 25th – Sunday morning Bible Study starts again –
Plan for Our Future.