



Faith Lutheran Church

April 12, 2020

7am

Sunday of the Resurrection

God raised Jesus Christ from the tomb, and we are here early this morning, not to look for Jesus, but to proclaim that Jesus is alive.

Welcome:

On this beautiful, chilly morning, we journey to the tomb with Mary Magdalene and discover the stone is rolled away. An empty grave remains to prove our Savior lives. With joy, we discover that Christ Jesus has risen. Come, let us offer praise and thanks to God for fulfilling the resurrection promise.

Call To Worship

“This is the Day”

Psalm 118 24:

**This is the Day, This is the Day, That the Lord has made,
That the Lord has made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and
be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the Day that the Lord
has made, We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day,
This is the day, that the Lord has made.**

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed, alleluia!

Faith, hope, and joy are alive.

A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us.

God of all creation, we praise you.

**God of resurrection and life, we have gathered in this place
and from our places to worship you and celebrate your
victory.**

“Jesus Christ is Risen today”

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Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Once he died our souls to save alleluia
Where's thy victory boasting grave alleluia

Verse 3

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ hath opened paradise alleluia

Verse 4

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

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Charles Wesley | Samuel Arnold

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us with new life. Here, in this place, or from wherever we are—even though we are unable to meet together—we discover that you are alive, and that nothing separates us from your life giving love, not even death—for you conquered death by your own death on the cross, and by your glorious resurrection. Our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among each of us. Today, we begin to understand that joy that comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this good news in new imaginative, creative and innovative ways. And because we are not left alone, we can pray your prayer together from wherever we are.

Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

“Christ Arose!”

Christ Arose!

Verse 1

Low in the grave He lay— Jesus my Sav ior
Waiting the coming day— Jesus my Lord

Chorus

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He a - rose a victor from the dark domain
And He lives for - ever with His saints to reign
He arose, He arose
Hallelujah! Christ arose

Verse 2

Vainly they watch His bed— Jesus my Savior
Vainly they seal the dead— Jesus my Lord

Verse 3

Death can - not keep his prey— Jesus my Savior
He tore the bars away— Jesus my Lord

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Closing Prayer

Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency

toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a symbol of eternal life.

We are thankful that you come to greet us this morning, with hope, trust, and faith. In all our days, may we live for Christ, the resurrected and risen Savior. Hear us Lord as we pray the prayer you taught us.

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.

“He Lives”

1) I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say; I see His hand of mercy I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He’s always near. (Refrain)

(Refrain)

**He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I
know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

**2) In all the world around me I see His loving care, and
tho’ my heart grows weary I never will despair; I know
that He is leading thro’ all the stormy blast, The day of
His appearing will come at last. (Refrain)**

Benediction

The tomb is empty,
Christ has risen.

As you journey in faith, may your life be full,
your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal.

Live this day and always for Christ Jesus
because the Risen Christ lives in you.

Christ is Risen:

He is risen indeed, Allelulia!

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