



**OUR
REDEEMER**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
Easter Sunrise

Sunday, 31 March A+D 2024, 6:30 A.M.

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

**Our Redeemer is a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.
To learn more about The LCMS, visit www.lcms.org.**

News & Notes

JOIN US FOLLOWING THE SERVICE FOR OUR EASTER BREAKFAST! Our Men's Group is delighted to provide you with a delicious meal of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, American fries, cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice. Everyone is invited!

MEMBER PICTURES: During the Easter Breakfast and before and after the 9:00 A.M. service, we will be taking pictures of individuals and households to include in our 100th anniversary scrapbook. This book will be a picture directory, history, and cookbook and will be available for purchase later this year. Please plan on having your picture taken at some point that morning!

BOARD OF ELDERS will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 P.M.

CATECHISM VESPERS RESUMES THIS WEDNESDAY at its regular 5:30 P.M. time. **MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICE** continues each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. as a repeat of the previous Sunday's service.

ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP REGISTRATION: Registration for the Ark Encounter Trip, June 26-28, is now open. For more information on the trip (including how to register), there are handouts in the church entrance on the youth coffee counter. For questions see or email Dave McFarland, damkrm@hotmail.com. Registration deadline is today, 3/31.

SPRING CLEANING? Help our local Habitat for Humanity by donating furniture! Notify Pastor Tom Mackey and he will even pick it up and deliver it 308-216-0563!

BOTTLES/CANS: The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED! - Love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Come and join the Gsus Singers. Practice is every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 P.M. No commitment necessary. Join the fun!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Easter Sunday: The resurrected Jesus first appeared to a very sinful, formerly demon-possessed woman, Mary Magdalene. The hope of the resurrection is for those hopelessly lost in their sins. In one sense, we could say that this hope is especially for those who are—like the rest of us—hopelessly lost! Thanks be to God! *Heavenly Father, draw me into rejoicing in Jesus' resurrection and the value it gives to all humankind. Amen.*

Serving in God's House

MUSIC

ELDERS

ALTAR GUILD

Week of 3/31

Sunday, 6:30 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Reed	Lisa Swanson
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Rob Kuehl Jim Reed	Lisa Swanson
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson

Week of 4/7

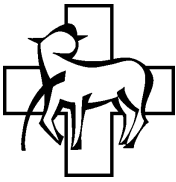
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Bradley Linsmeyer Jim Reed	Cindy Koller
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Cindy Koller

This Week's Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (31)	6:30 A.M.	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	7:30 A.M.	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 A.M.	Easter Day Divine Service
Monday (1)		
Tuesday (2)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
	6:30 P.M.	Board of Elders
Wednesday (3)	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (4)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (5)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (6)		
Sunday (7)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

Attendance Report

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 3/24, 9:00 A.M.	105	80



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 139:1–2a, 8, 10; antiphon: vv. 18b, 5b, 6



I awake, and I am still with you. Alle- | luia!*

[You] lay your hand upon me. Alle- | luia!

Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;*

it is high; I cannot | attain it.

O Lord, you have searched me and | known me!*

You know when I sit down and when I | rise up.

If I ascend to heaven, | you are there!*

If I make my bed in Sheol, | you are there!

Even there your hand shall | lead me,*

and your right hand shall | hold me.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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[You] lay your hand upon me. Alle- | luia!

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KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*LSB 189*

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit***OLD TESTAMENT READING***Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

GRADUAL*Psalm 118:24, 1*

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

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!**

EPISTLE*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE*LSB 190; Psalm 125:1–2, 5b*

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL*John 20:1-18*

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So 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.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

*Sit***NICENE CREED***LSB 191***HYMN OF THE DAY***“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” LSB 467***SERMON***“Don’t Cling to Jesus?” John 20:1-18**Stand***OFFERTORY***LSB 192**Sit***OFFERING***Stand***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***Each petition ends with:*

⌘ Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" LSB 463

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 199
THANKSGIVING	LSB 200
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS	LSB 201
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HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466</i>

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