

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER DAY

April 17, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
4101 Washington Street NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

***Welcome to worship at St. Matthew!** To friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to visitors, we extend it sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer. Come again!*

***We ask that all guests** sign a yellow attendance card located in the pew rack, and then please hand the card to the pastor as you leave the worship service.*

***Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals and orders of service** are available from the ushers.*

***If you have a prayer request**, please write it out on one of the green prayer cards located in the pew rack, and then submit it to Pastor Hugo or the lay minister before the service begins. Other prayer requests can be made by calling the church office at 763-788-9427.*

***Parents with small children** are encouraged to sit near the front in order to better see and participate during the service. If you desire other facilities, a cry room is located in the back of the worship area and bathrooms with changing tables (including back-up supplies) and infant seats are located behind the worship area (two right turns as you pass the double doors out of the worship area – just past the water fountain).*

***Thank you** for turning off all electronic equipment (cell phones, items that receive internet signal, etc.). These items interfere with our sound system.*

+ CONNECT +

(Please rise and face the processional cross)

INVOCATION:

P: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE EASTER GOSPEL:

(A portion of the gospel lesson will be sung by the Festival Choir in a setting by composer Ron Nelson.)

P: The Holy Gospel for this Easter morning is from St. Luke, chapter 24.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

"Why seek you the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen! Remember how he told you, 'The Son of Man must be crucified, and on the third day rise.' Be not afraid! He is not here! He is risen! Go and tell!"

Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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

C: **But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

All: **Alleluia!**

P: See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

C: **I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people.**

All: **Alleluia!**

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

C: **Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?**

P: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

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

P: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously.
C: **The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation**
All: **Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed!**
All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAISE: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” – Blue Hymnal #127
Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heaven’ly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!

“Because He Lives”



Be - cause He lives _____ I can face to - mor - row.

Be - cause He lives _____ all fear is gone. Be - cause I

know ————— He holds the fu - ture, And life is

worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. —————

God sent His Son, They called Him Je - sus; He came to
And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's

love, heal, and for - give. He lived and died
fi - - - nal war with pain; and then as death

to buy my par - don; an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior
gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He

lives!
lives!

(to refrain)

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(Interlude)

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love. Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who trampled the gates of Hell, destroying death and forever changing life, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL RESPONSE: “Christ is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed” – Cash/Getty
Festival Choir; Sean Allen, percussion

MESSAGE: “Walking on the Gates of Hell” – Pastor Bill Hugo

HYMN OF THE DAY: “He’s Risen, He’s Risen” – Blue Hymnal #138

**He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
Death’s prison he opened, incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
While earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain his hosts shouted and jeered,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones feared.**

**But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes;
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will never-more die.**

**Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain;
In glory he reigns, yes, and ever shall reign.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

P: As we come to the Lord's table to receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Lord's Supper and to celebrate His death and resurrection, it is important to take time to confess our need for the forgiveness He offers and to recognize that Jesus is the only one that meets that need.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

C: Lord Jesus, we need the forgiveness you offer this day. Just as we needed you to be on that cross in our place three days ago, and just as we needed you trampling the gates of hell for us, we need you here in this place today. We haven't kept your commandments. We haven't loved others the way you commanded. Our thoughts have gone places they shouldn't. Words have left our lips that never should have even entered our hearts. We need the forgiveness that you alone can give and that you bought for us on the cross. Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

REFRAIN: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes:

Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, Our constant surprise. REFRAIN:

Jesus the vine, We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me. REFRAIN:

Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. REFRAIN:

City of God, Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

**River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I Am! REFRAIN:**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – Blue Hymnal #264
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!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Lay Minister: Louise Roberts

Ushers: Blase Team

Altar Guild: Pat Rosenberg & Jim Geslin

Power Point: Ben Kretschman

Acolyte: Adahlia Eames

Lector: Marilyn Kirk



Easter To-Go Breakfast, April 17

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The annual Easter breakfast will be served in to-go boxes. The menu includes egg bake, sweet rolls, and fruit. Your free-will offering will support our teens attending this summer's National Youth Gathering in Houston.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Bruce Blase
Judie Colaianni
Ben Hugo
Brenda Hugo
Will Hugo

Kristen Landwehr
Sarah Meier
Sydney Naber
Deb Santillo
Andrew Wagner

Karrie Kikeh, accompanist

EASTER BAND

Trumpets: Will Hugo, Charles Kikeh, Andrew Wagner
Trombones: Aubree Allen, Ted Landwehr
French Horn: Sarah Meier
Tenor Saxophone: Sydney Naber
Violin: Aidan Neaderhiser
Viola: Renata Kikeh
String Bass: Josh Neaderhiser

Brenda Hugo, director

Karrie Kikeh, piano

