

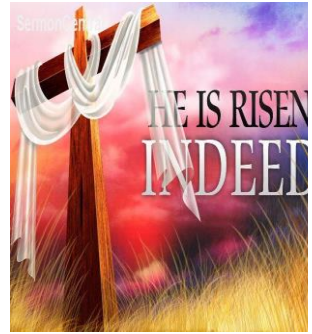


LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

RESURRECTING THE ALLELUIAS!

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL KEEPSAKES

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP *(please rise as you are able)*

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P. We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

C. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P. We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one!

C. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P. We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

C. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P. We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter! Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P. Let us pray, **C. Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P. Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!” We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you

and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

Congregational response: AMEN

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG “How Great is Our God”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST READING**

R. The first reading is from the book of 1 Corinthians 15:1-11:

Now 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.

R. This is the word of the Lord ***C. Thanks be to God.***

R. Please join as we sing the first part of our Easter Anthem.

EASTER ANTHEM “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (*part 1*)

LITANY-EVERY DAY IS EASTER R. Please join me in our Litany for Easter.

R. When Thomas touched the wounds and set himself free, ***C. it was Easter day!***

R. When Peter’s three yes answers to Jesus’ question “Do you love me?” finished his three denials, ***C. it was Easter day!***

R. When Mary, ready to embalm the dead, ran in fear from the empty tomb,
C. it was Easter day!

R. When the disciples looked from afar at a breakfast of fish on the beach,
C. it was Easter day!

R. When Emmaus became the place the disciples welcomed a stranger on the road and later broke bread with him, ***C. it was Easter day!***

R. When Paul was blinded by the light and recognized the voice in his head,
C. it was Easter day!

R. When the hungry are fed at the same table as the rich, ***C. it IS Easter day!***

R. When weapons are beaten and peace is a word to be shouted, **C. it IS Easter day!**

R. When the stranger is welcomed in community and the lonely are restored to relationship,
C. it IS Easter day!

R. He is Risen!

C. It IS Easter day! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

R. Here ends the Litany. We sing the next part of our Easter Anthem.

EASTER ANTHEM "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (part 2)

GOSPEL LESSON (please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter, verses 1 through 7:

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Worthy is the Lamb”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please rise as you are able)

(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.....**C. Bountiful God; we come with our offerings in response to your love.**

With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. AMEN

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud.

Please close your prayer concern with “Lord in your mercy”.

HOLY COMMUNION

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation:

C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,

My heart, my heart adores You!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord’s Prayer

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

We welcome everyone to the Lord’s Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

EASTER ANTHEM “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (part 3)

BLESSING/BENEDICTION (please rise as you are able)

P. Go in peace and serve the Living Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**

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

SENDING HYMN OF RESURRECTION CELEBRATION “All the People Said Amen”

P. Go in peace and serve the Living Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!**
P. Christ is risen! **C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God Bless You!
See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!



Special thanks to Carolyn Krick who donated the Easter Lilies for today's worship!

COMING UP:

- April 5-Council meets at church 5 PM
- April 7-Men's Bible Study Fellowship 9 AM at the church. NOTE: This group meets EVERY Wednesday! Join us!
- **April 11-Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship**



Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1-Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia
Sing ye heav'n's and earth reply, Alleluia

2-Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia
Where O death is now your sting, Alleluia
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia
Where thy victory O grave
Alleluia!

3-Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia
Fought the fight the battle's won, Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia
Christ has opened Paradise
Alleluia!

4-Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise, Alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!

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How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

Chorus-How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus x 2

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God

Repeat last verse

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Easter Anthem-I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Part 1

I know that my Redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
He lives He lives who once was dead
He lives my everlasting head

He lives triumphant from the grave
He lives eternally to save
He lives exalted throne above
He lives to rule His church in love

Part 2

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 to bless me with His love
He lives to plead for me above
He lives my hungry soul to feed
He lives to help in time of need

Part 3

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 Saviour still the same
What joy this blest assurance gives
I know that my Redeemer lives

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Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came and gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
We crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God
The treasure of heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
Repeat song

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All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus And all the people said amen... whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love
never ends
And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well, it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus x 2

And all the people said amen

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