

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

The Resurrection of our Lord

April 9, 2023

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 457

“Jesus Christ is Ris’n Today, Alleluia!”

Grayson Gorney, trumpet

(please stand if you are able)

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 heav’nly 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!

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



INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 118:14-24)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

P: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

P: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

C: The right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

C: The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

C: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

P: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Like Mary Magdalene, was one of the first witnesses to his resurrection, we too will one day come face to face with our Lord. So let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness, praying that He would bless us as those who have not seen yet believe.

(Moment of silent confession)

Almighty God,

C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Instead of living in the power of our Savior’s resurrection, we follow our own selfish and sinful desires. We turn from your holy Word and listen instead to temptations of the world around us. We often live to please ourselves instead of serving others in Jesus’ name. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

P: As the Lord showed grace to Mary Magdalene, healing her and sending her as a witness, he shows grace to us. Jesus our Savior suffered and died for our sins and rose to life on the first Easter morning. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Lord, I declare that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord ... This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

SHARING THE PEACE (Greet one another with this victorious Easter blessing!)

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, you sent your Son to be our Savior, to suffer and die for us. On the third day after his death, Jesus was raised to life, never to die again and victorious over sin, death and the devil. As Jesus healed Mary Magdalene, casting out the demons that possessed her, we have been healed by his wounds, our sins forgiven. As Mary Magdalene and the other women at the empty tomb went out to share the joyful news of Jesus' resurrection, we, too, have good news to share. Lead us to be faithful, eager witnesses for our risen and reigning Lord Jesus, sharing the Gospel with others so that they, too, will come to know and worship him as Lord. Hear our prayer and accept our Easter praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM "See What a Morning" Adult Choir
Ensemble: Ashton Gorney, Grayson Gorney,
Kristen Lintvedt, & Andrea Wiesner

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 25:6-9

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

It 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every 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. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him that God may be all in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

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

Now 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. So 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.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They 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.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.’”

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN No. 837 “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. Refrain**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain**

**Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

SERMON “Christ is Risen!” Pastor Vern

OFFERING

ANTHEM “Yahweh” Adult Choir – Grayson Gorney, Djembe

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Crucified and risen Lord, today we celebrate your resurrection and your triumph over sin, death and the devil. In you we have forgiveness and the sure and certain promise of eternal life. We have heard the glad news, “He is risen!” We believe that you are our living and reigning Savior.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, you healed Mary Magdalene, casting out demons



that possessed her. In grace, you called her to be a witness to your resurrection. As you did in the lives of Mary and your disciples, you have showered us with your grace, healing us by your wounds and calling us to serve others and live as witnesses to your amazing grace. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, we pray for those in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing today, especially those loved ones whose names we call out now before You (Pause). Give them strength of faith and courage to face the difficult days in their lives. Grant hope to those who are facing grief and loss. Lead us to serve them in love, offering to them the comfort found in the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, Your resurrection brings unspeakable JOY to every celebration. We honor and seek your blessing upon Jordan Colvin, Ann Lundebry, Savannah Boggs, Brianna Berens, Leah Geis, Callie Gorney and Maddie Moureau who celebrate their birthdays this week. Keep faith alive through Your resurrection power, give them a vibrant hope in the years to come. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, you sent the women from the empty tomb to tell your disciples the joyful news of your resurrection. Give us the courage to be faithful witnesses to you, our living Lord and King so that, in the power of the Spirit, we can bring hope to a world lost in darkness of sin. Help us to bring to others the light of Easter morning, the light of forgiveness and life for all who believe. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, we give you thanks and praise for your amazing grace. In grace, you called sinners, named and unnamed in Scripture, to serve in your kingdom: David, Isaiah, the blind man, the woman at the well, Paul, Peter, John, the repentant thief and Mary Magdalene. In grace, you have forgiven our sins and called us, as you called these other saints, to serve in your kingdom. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

HYMN No. 633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (vs. 7)

**Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed Your mercy to us in granting us Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for the redemption prepared for us through Jesus Christ and pray You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that enlightened with a living faith, we might be worthy to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

P: Remember us in Your kingdom Lord, and teach us to pray, saying:

**All: 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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION “Worthy is the Lamb” (video)
LSB 478 – The Day of Resurrection (vss 1,3,4)
LSB 482 – This Joyful Eastertide

SONG OF THANKSGIVING LSB 493 – A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing” vs. 5

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Then throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

BLESSING OF THE LORD (1 Corinthians 15:54-57 and Hebrews 13:20-21)

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

P: Death is swallowed up in victory.
C: **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

P: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
C: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN No. 461 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (vss. 1,8)

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, 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!

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord!
C: **Thanks be to God!**

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



THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE THIS EASTER SPECIAL:

Jesus – who died and rose for us!
Cheryl Vohlken, organist
Marty Lintvedt, Adult Choir director
Our Youth Vocal Ensemble: **Ashton Gorney, Grayson Gorney,**
Kristen Lintvedt & Andrea Wiesner
Grayson Gorney, accompanying on the Trumpet and Djembe
The Media Center – Eric Stake & Dale Schutte
The Fellowship Committee and Elders for their AWESOME Pancake and Egg Casserole Breakfast.
Karen Anders and her “Little Lambs Puppet Ministry” for the children on Sat.