



# *Christ is Risen!*

*10:00 Service*

*Living Springs Lutheran Church*

*Easter Worship*

*April 12, 2020*



This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

## PRELUDE

*"Thine Is the Glory"*

LS Handbell Group  
arranged by Bill Ingram

## WELCOME

*We stand as able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)*

Pastor: Faithful and just God,

**People: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

**People: Amen.**



**ENTRANCE HYMN***"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**REETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.



**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds"*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

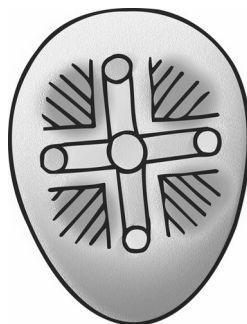
*We are seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children, youth, and young at heart are invited for a special message. All may bring coins or dollars for the Lent-Easter bucket collection (Disaster Response).*

*Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.*



## FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts.

*Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:34–43)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118:1–2, 14–24

Lector: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**People: Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

Lector: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**People: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

Lector: The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**People: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

Lector: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**People: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Lector: "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**People: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

Lector: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Colossians.

*If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



We stand and open our hearts in joy for the Gospel.

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then 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." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (Matthew 28:1-10)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions



has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Make me an in-strument of Your peace, where there is ha-tred let  
me sow love, where there is dark-ness let me shine light and  
May Your love cause us to o - pen up, cause us to o - pen up our hearts.  
May Your light cause us to shine so bright that we bring hope in - to the dark.

*You heard the cry of our hearts  
and you came down  
Freely you gave us your love  
showing us how (Chorus)*

*May we love, as you love  
may we love, as you love  
may we love, as you love  
may we love*

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### **NICENE CREED**

**People:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assist: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, the dying, the sick, and all in need, assuring them of your loving presence We pray especially for: *Margaret Blank; Nancy Baldwin; Rhea Pye; Claudette Tuttle; Elizabeth Maddox; Helen Bradham; Neva Burley; Robert Burke; Dennis Daye; Sylvia Hurlbert; Charles Kauffman; JoAnn Pulse; Jeff Ream; Jerry Mancuso; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...* Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this Easter day - and all others who provide welcome and hospitality in these days. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face continued uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, strength and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service and love, trusting that you abide with us always. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## PEACE IS SHARED

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

*We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."*

*We are seated*

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"Welcome, Easter Morning!"*

LS Choir Quartet

*"Welcome, Easter morning!" age to age shall say; "Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"  
Christ, once dead, is living, God for evermore! Him, their true creator, all his works adore.  
Earth with joy confesses, clothing now for spring. All good gifts return with earth's returning King.  
Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough, Speak his sorrows ended, hail his triumph now  
Source of all things living, you came down to die, Plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.  
Come then, true and faithful; come fulfill your word; This is your third morning: Rise, O buried Lord!  
Free the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; All that once had fallen raise to life again;  
Show your face in brightness, Shine in every land As in Eden's garden when the world began.*



*We stand as able*

## **OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN**

*Offering may be dropped off at the office during the week or sent through the mail. For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app.*

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Assist: Let us pray.

**People: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us with your love and grace, for service in your name in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION (IN TIME OF FASTING FROM THE MEAL)**

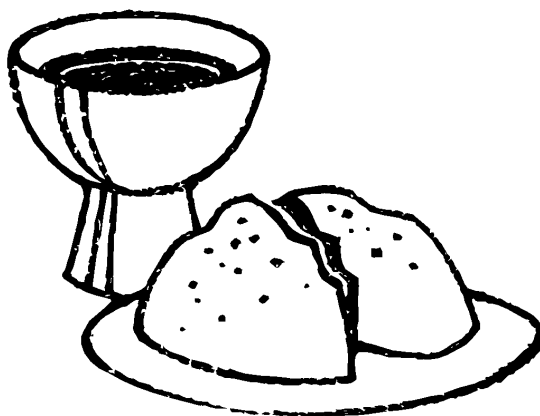
Pastor: We have been made one as the body of Christ through the waters of baptism. In our journey of faith & life, we have been fed with Christ's own body and blood. Even though we fast from the Lord's Supper on this day, we give thanks for the gift of Holy Communion, as we look forward to the joy of that day when we will again be gathered and fed at your table.

Pastor: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we offer our praise and give you thanks. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation; David fought Goliath; the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he conquered death and granted the people your life.

We give you thanks and praise for the gift of Holy Communion and for the blessing it brings to your people. Even though we abstain from your meal this day for reasons you understand, we sense the power of your forgiveness and grace offered to us and the world through your Son. Awaiting that day when we may fully share in his meal, we still remember, and cherish in our hearts, the words uplifting this great and glorious gift which Jesus gave us:

**People: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me."**

*We take time for prayer and reflection as we sing together, giving thanks to God for all the times we have been fed with our Lord's body & blood—and looking forward to that day when we will all be gathered again around the Lord's Table.*



## SONG FOR REFLECTION

"The Table"

*I will feast at the table of the Lord*

*I will feast at the table of the Lord*

*I won't hunger anymore at His table (Repeat)*

### CHORUS 1a



Come all you wear - y, come - and - find His yoke is



eas - y, His bur - den - light. He is a - ble; He will re - store at the



ta - ble of the - Lord.

### Verse 2

*There is peace at the table of the Lord*

*There is peace at the table of the Lord*

*I won't worry anymore at His table*

### Verse 3

*There is healing at the table of the Lord*

*There is healing at the table of the Lord*

*Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table*

*(Chorus 1a)*

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## LORD'S PRAYER

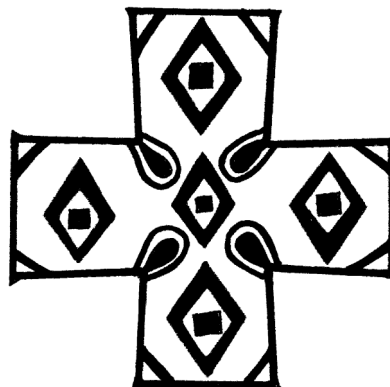
**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and keep teaching us to pray:

**People:** **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.**

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**



**SENDING HYMN**

*"Thine is the Glory"*



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Special Butterfly Video*



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## Easter Seasonal Emphasis

“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised!” - Matthew 28:5-6

### RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY:

#### *Be Not Afraid*

Filled with great joy and fear? This is how Matthew’s gospel describes the disciples in the moments just after they learn that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. As churches across the world today fill with people, flowers, and music, an almost palpable sense of joy seems to fill the air . . . but fear? Where does fear fit into today’s celebration?

Below the surface of the festivities, we all harbor far more fear than our Sunday best might reveal. As you take your place among this Christian assembly, the community around you is full of other people who struggle with fear, worry, and anxiety. Today in this assembly, there is fear about money, fear about relationships, fear about the larger changes taking place in our world, fear about belonging and being loved, fear about being good enough, smart enough, or talented enough, fear about illness and death, fear of being judged, even fear of religion and the church. Today’s gospel shows us that we are not alone in our fear. Even as they rejoiced, the first disciples were afraid—afraid of the unknown, afraid of ways they had let Jesus down, afraid of what was coming next for them.

But to all of us, both the angels and Jesus himself say, “Do not be afraid!” In his human life, Jesus experienced the great fears we all live with every day. On the cross he faced the pain and suffering our greatest fears bring. But when he emptied that tomb on Easter morning, he also emptied death of its sting and our fears of their bite. Strengthened by each other, we are bold to proclaim that in Christ’s victory, every path of death has been opened to new life. In every action of today’s worship, we build up one another’s faith and confidence that because Christ lives, our fears are coming to an end.

