

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

EASTER 2018 - Pastor Mark Voss



## The Resurrection of Our Lord

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### EASTER DIALOG

P: Grace and peace to you from him who is, was and who is to come, from our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**C: To him who loves us and had freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us a kingdom and priests to serve God the Father - to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

P: The multitude of nations and peoples stand before the Lamb upon his throne and cry out with a loud voice:

**C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

P: And all the angels around the throne worship him saying:

**C: Blessing and honor, glory and thanksgiving, power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

P: All the creatures of the earth shout:

**C: Amen!**

P: All the saints and angels shout:

**C: Amen!**

P: The people of the Lamb shout:

**C: Amen and Amen!**

## OPENING ANTHEM

*"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"*



Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong  
No son of man could con - quer  
Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came  
So let us keep the fes - ti -  
Then let us feast this Eas - ter



bands For our of - fens - es giv - en; But now at  
death, Such ru - in sin had wrought us, No in - no -  
down, His peo - ple to de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing  
- val To which the Lord in - vites us; Christ is him -  
Day On Christ, the bread of hea - ven; The Word of



God's right hand he stands And brings us life from heav -  
- cence was found on earth, And there - fore death had brought  
sin, he took the crown From death's pale brow for - ev -  
- self the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights  
grace has purged a - way The old and e - vil leav -

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- en. There - fore let us joy - ful be And sing to  
 us In - to bond - age from of old And ev - er  
 - er. Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; An emp - ty  
 us. Now his grace to us im - parts E - ter - nal  
 - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed He is our  
 God right thank - ful - ly Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia!  
 grew more strong and bold And held us as its cap - tive.  
 form a - lone re - mains; It's sting is lost for - ev - er.  
 sun - shine to our hearts; The night of sin is end - ed.  
 meat and drink in - deed; Faith lives u - pon no o - ther!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia!

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: On this day God the Father raised his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, from death. He thereby showed his acceptance of our Savior's sacrifice for our sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) He takes the burden of our sins from us and offers us the joy of salvation. Let us therefore freely confess our sins in the assurance that our gracious God will forgive us.

**All:** Graciously Heavenly Father, we come to you burdened by the sins for which your Son died. We are ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and actions; in all humility we ask for your mercy. For the sake of your Son's innocent suffering and death and his glorious resurrection, forgive us, and lead us to eternal life. Amen.

P: On this most holy day, the day on which our Lord conquered death and the grave, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I joyfully forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## MUSICAL SELECTION – COR Choir

*“Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!”*

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

# God's Word

*His resurrection drives away all our fears*

### Isaiah 25:6-9 – *The feast of victory*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

### RESPONSE

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Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus scat - ters all its gloom.  
Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your un - be - liev - ing fears.



Day of tri - umph through the skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.  
Look on his de - sert - ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

## 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 – *Death is defeated*

<sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. <sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 118:24

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ-ten that we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

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## THE EASTER GOSPEL – Mark 16:1-8 – *The empty tomb says it all*

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He


has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, <sup>8</sup>He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>9</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

P: This is the Easter Gospel.

C: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON ANTHEM - "He's Risen, He's Risen"

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He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
But short was their tri - umph; The Sav - ior a - rose,  
He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.  
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.  
Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;  
And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.  
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.

## SERMON

# The Easter Victory Banquet

*Based on Isaiah 25:6-9 on page three*

## OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Heavenly Father, God of grace

**C: you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We marvel at your love and your mighty power.**

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace

**C: you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death and the grave. With the church of every age we offer you unending praise.**

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace

**C: you have called us by the Gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord. Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

#### EASTER PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

P: Go forth and tell everyone that Jesus is alive. Tell them Jesus triumphed over death and the grave. Tell them Jesus dwells in our lives and blesses us with this promise "Because I live, you also will live."

**C: Christ is risen.**

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!


# CLOSING ANTHEM - "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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All - Verses 1, 2 & 5

Women - Verse 3


Men - Verse 4



I know that my Re - deem - er lives;  
He lives tri - um - phant from the grave;  
Women He lives to bless me with his love;  
Men He lives to grant me rich sup - ply;  
He lives, all glo - ry to his name!



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives!  
He lives e - ter - nal - ly to save.  
Women He lives to plead for me a - bove.  
Men He lives to guide me with his eye.  
He lives, my Je - sus, still the same.



He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives all glo - rious in the sky;  
Women He lives, my hun - gry soul to feed;  
Men He lives to com - fort me when faint;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sen - tence gives:



He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
Women He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
Men He lives to help in time of need.  
He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
"I know that my Re - deem - er lives!"

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