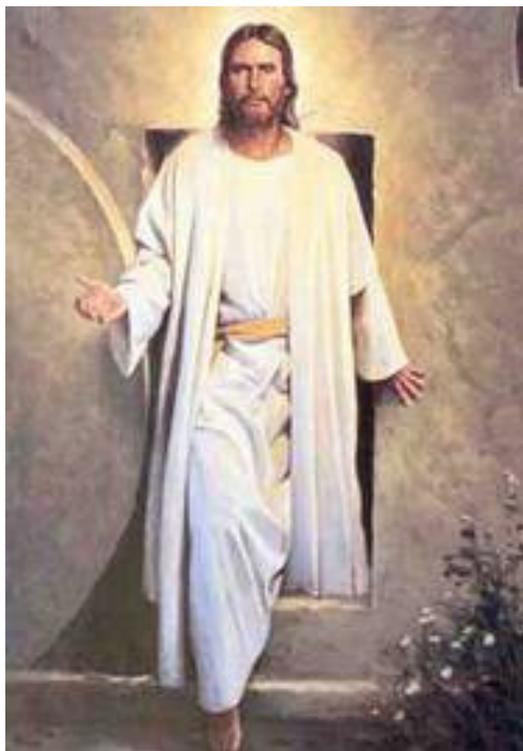


# EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020



“Because I live you shall live also.”

John 14:19

Easter Theme:

“KING of kings and LORD of lords”

## HOME WORSHIP SERVICE BULLETIN

ST. JOHN'S AND PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

**WELCOME** IN THE NAME OF  
OUR **RISEN SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

### Hymn 187

Christ is arisen! from the grave's dark prison.

We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have mercy.

All our hopes were ended had Jesus not ascended from the grave triumphantly.

For this Lord Christ, we worship Thee. Lord, Have mercy.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have mercy.

### RESPONSIVE GREETING

Pastor: HE IS RISEN!

**Congr: HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

P: I lay down and slept;

**C: I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.**

P: Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

**C: Death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P: Christ was delivered for our offenses...

**C: And raised again for our justification.**

P: The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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

**All sing "Welcome, Happy Morning!"** Hymn 202:1

1. "Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!

Him, their true Creator, all His works adore.

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;

Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: In this Easter worship service, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **PRAYER (Pastor)**

Dear Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, we thank and praise You that by Your suffering and death on the cross You endured the very agony of hell for us, reconciling us to God. On Easter we especially thank and praise You for Your resurrection from the dead, for it proves that You are God's Son and seals Your sacrifice as the full payment for our sins. Our King, accept our heartfelt praise for all that You have so graciously done for our salvation, and keep on ruling in our hearts and lives. We ask this In Your name, Amen.

#### **Hymn 200:1-3**

1. 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.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.
3. 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.

#### **THE OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE READING**

*How great to think that all people of all time counted on the resurrection of Jesus Christ! In these verses Job confesses his hearts longing to see his Living Redeemer. By faith we too have the same confidence in our living LORD! We read...*

Job 19:23-27 "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! 24 That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

#### **Hymn 200:4-6**

4. He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
5. 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.
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

#### **THE EASTER GOSPEL READING:**

*By faith we still thrill to hear the account of the day of Jesus Resurrection. We hear the message and by faith we believe it. By faith we see our living Savior in His Word. And so we read...*

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

#### **Hymn 200:7-8**

7. 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.
8. 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!"

## CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Luther's explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

*(Congregation and Pastor)*

"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; "He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death; He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and joy; even as He is risen from death, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true!"

### Hymn 732

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds;  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Oh, fill us, LORD, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Adoring praises now we bring, and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### THE SERMON

1 Timothy 6:12-16 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in

unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Theme: "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS"

### Sermon Hymns:

198:1&4

1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened Death's prison, the Incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,  
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paeon prolong.

4. Oh, where is they sting, Death? We fear thee 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.

199:1&2

1. Jesus Christ Is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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

203:1-3

1. Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.  
Day of triumph through the skies; See the glorious Savior rise.

2. Ye who are of death afraid Triumph in the scattered shade.  
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.

3. Christians, dry your flowing tears Chase your unbelieving fears;  
Look on His deserted grave, Doubt no more His power to save.

730:1-2

1. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is there-in.  
He is risen! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Our joy shall have no end.

2. From death to life eternal, from earth on to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over with Hymns of victory.  
He is risen! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Our joy shall have no end.

### THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. We sing the offering hymn 788:1:*

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.**

**That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

### THE EASTER PRAYER -- THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN 207:1-2

1. Like the golden sun ascending,  
Breaking through the gloom of night,

On the earth his glory spending  
So that darkness takes to flight,

Thus my Jesus from the grave  
And Death's dismal, dreadful cave

Rose triumphant Easter morning  
At the early purple dawning.

2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!

Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.

Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened Paradise!

None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

### THE LORD'S BLESSING

**PASTOR:** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**A-men, a-men, a - men.**

### THE CLOSING HYMN 189

He is arisen! Glorious word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;

The gates of heaven are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,

And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon.

Oh, hear; What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth

He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen.



**"Because I live, you shall live also."**

John 14:19