

“BY GRACE ARE YOU SAVED” EPHESIANS 2:8-9



He Qi - He Is Risen

We are a Biblical church giving God's Word first place in our faith and life.
We are a Lutheran church that proclaims forgiveness for all through Jesus Christ.
We are a Christian church that gather to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word, and to reach out to those around us in Christian love.

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EASTER

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

1. The Entrance Hymn: #352, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

2. The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **C: ♪ Amen.**

3. The Confession and Absolution I

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav' n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins? **C: I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name? **C: I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you! **C: Amen.**

4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri

L: ♪ When I awake, I / am still with you... Al-/-le-lu-ja!

C: You have laid your / hand up-on me...Al-/-le-lu-ja!!

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I can-/-not attain it...Al-/-le-lu-ja!!

C: O Lord, you have searched / me and known me...You have known my sitting down and / my rising up.

All: Glory be to the Father, / and to the Son, and to / the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be- / -ginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever- / -more. Amen.

6. The Kyrie Eleison

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us

7. The Gloria In Excelsis, p. 64

I: ♪ Glory be to God on high:

II: And on earth peace, good will toward men.

I: We praise You, we bless You, we worship You.

II: We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

I,II: O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

I: O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

II: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

I: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

II: You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

I,II: You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

I: For You only are holy,

II: You only are the Lord.

I,II: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

8. The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

9. Collect: Lord God, Heavenly Father, You delivered Your Son for our offenses, and raised Him again for our justification: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will, graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all sins, and after this life rise us to eternal life; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

10. The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-15

Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;
He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.
Just as many were astonished at you,
So His visage was marred more than any man,
And His form more than the sons of men;
So shall He sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;
For what had not been told them they shall see,
And what they had not heard they shall consider.

11. Hymn Response: #355:1, "Now Christ Is Risen!"

C: ♪ Now Christ is risen! Death's reign is over!

Lives now our Lord forever and ever!

Allelujah, allelujah, allelujah!

12. Epistle: I Corinthians 15:12-21

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up— if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

13. Hymn Response: #355:5, "Now Christ Is Risen!"

C: ♪ **With Easter's dawning rose He to vanquish
For us the foe who brought us death's anguish!
Allelujah, allelujah, allelujah!**

14. Gospel: The Holy Gospel is written in the 28th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse. (rise)

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

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. 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. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 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."

So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

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. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

C: ♪ **Praise be to You O Christ**

15. The Nicene Creed

C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

16. The Chief Hymn: #341:1-4,6, "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness"

17. Sermon Text/Theme: Matthew 28:1-10, God's Joyous Easter Answer: He is Risen!

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

18. The Offertory verse: Hymn: #351, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

19. The Prayer of the Church

23. The Lord's Prayer (sung in unison)

♪ 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen

25. The Collect III

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

26. The Benediction

L: 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.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

27. The Closing Hymn: #73, "Thine Is the Glory"



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