



# Alleluia!

He is Risen

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2020

## *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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!

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!

O, 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!

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!

## **Invocation**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**People: Amen!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God!

**People: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!**

Pastor: For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

**People: So we are not ashamed to testify about our Lord.**

Pastor: For He has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace.

**People: This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,**

Pastor: But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus,

**People: Who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God!

**People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! Amen!**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Resurrected Lord Jesus,

**People: Lord, today we humble ourselves and pray for Your compassion. Our sins are before us, guilt is in our hearts, and we know that we will die someday. Lord, please forgive us, give us peace and assure us of eternal life.**

*Please take a moment of silence to reflect  
on your sinfulness and your need for a Savior.*

**Pastor:** Jesus has indeed been raised from the dead, and in His Resurrection you are forgiven, given peace, and the gift of eternal life! As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I once again announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** Amen!

### **Hallelujah Chorus**

Yvonne Bryce, William Suit, James Wuensche

### **Matthew 28:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### **Small Catechism Review**

**Pastor:** What does Scripture teach about Christ's resurrection?

**People:** They teach that on the third day Christ victoriously rose from the grave and showed Himself alive to His disciples.

**Pastor:** Why is Christ's resurrection so important and comforting?

**People:** Christ's resurrection proves that Christ is the Son of God, that His teachings are true, that God the Father accepted Christ's sacrifice for the reconciliation of the world, and that all believers in Christ will rise to eternal life.

### **Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing; "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God, the I AM!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

### **Today's Message**

By Pastor Dave Bolte

### **Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Blessing**

**Pastor:** May the God of peace, who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead, provide you with every good thing you need in order to do His will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever, Amen!

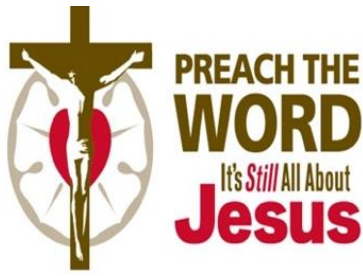
### **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

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 ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!



# Easter Sunday

Matthew 28:1-10

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Pastor Dave Bolte

It's not very often where you see *the entire world* reacting to one particular thing so strongly. The *coronavirus* has certainly made its presence known in the world! For many people, it has created a great deal of fear, worry, and even panic. Most of us have never seen the world react in such a way -- with the shutdowns and quarantines and "10 person" rule. This pandemic has made a **global impact**.

Today we are here to celebrate the *Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*! The Resurrection also makes a **global impact** – Christ died on the cross, and He rose from the dead, for every single person in every single country!

Jesus was **DECLARED TO BE THE SON OF GOD IN POWER** according to the Spirit of holiness by His *resurrection from the dead*! Romans 1:2

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead proves that Jesus is the Son of God, Savior of the *entire* world! God performed such an amazing miracle in the *Resurrection* so that everyone would notice; so that every single person would pay attention and believe that Jesus is the Son of God, in the Savior of the *entire* world! In fact, in the book of Romans, the idea is that God the Father *circled Jesus* in the *Resurrection* as if to say, "*This is the one! This is My Son! This is the Savior the entire world! Believe in Him!*"

Today, make sure you pay attention, and see what  
God the Father is showing you  
in the Resurrection of His Son!

And we all need a Savior. We don't need someone to save us from the *coronavirus*, or some other worldly threat; but we need Someone to save us from our sin and the guilt, shame, and death that comes with it. Sin is a worldwide plague that has infected every single human being in every single country throughout history. The sign of sin is death. We all know that someday we will die. That is what we need to be saved from: and that is why God sent His Son into the world!

Jesus, the one born in Bethlehem, took your sin, guilt, and shame to Jerusalem where He suffered terribly and died by crucifixion. He did this for you, as your substitute, in your place. His death earned your forgiveness. You now have peace with God through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. On Third Day He rose from the dead, and in His Resurrection, you were given eternal life! You will not die but live! Jesus promises *"Because I live, you also shall live!"*

Eternal salvation is a gift that God freely gives to every single person in every single country throughout history. Today believe it for yourself! See the great miracle of the Resurrection! See that God *"circled Jesus"* for you: your sins are forgiven and you have been giving eternal life.

In faith, you can boldly and confidently saying that great Easter hymn *"I know that my Redeemer lives!"* Faith gives you a confidence, and assurance, and a boldness, for Christ, His Word,

and His Kingdom. The **Resurrection** of Jesus Christ changes your life!

The **Resurrection**, not only are your sins forgiven, and not only were you given new life; but you are brought into God's kingdom, you are literally changed from death to life, darkness to light, from an enemy of God to a child of God! A real transformation happens to you because of the **Resurrection** of the Lord Jesus Christ!

An easy way to think about it is that you **value His Word** and you **live in His Kingdom**.

The Word of God is powerful and active in our lives; it is God's power at work in and through you. **God's Word of Law** convicts you of your sin and leads you to repentance; **God's Word of Gospel** forgives you and empowers you to holy living. In the Word of God, you hear the voice of Christ as He speaks personally and directly to you. That's why the Bible is so important to us as conservative Lutheran Christians. In fact, if you need a Bible, I will give you one for free after church today. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes us so that we want to hear His Word, so that we desire to be His disciples, so that we are ever growing as Biblically Literate and Doctrinally Sound People of God.

The **Resurrection** also drives you to live in God's Kingdom. You learn His morals, His values, and His ethics based on the 10 Commandments. You take God's Word to heart and you put it into practice. As we live in God's Kingdom by the power of the **Resurrection**, we learn to value

- + Authority in our lives
- + The value of every single life; even the unborn
- + Guard and protect the marriage of one man and one woman in a lifelong commitment
- + Protect our neighbors possessions as if they are our own
- + Defend our neighbors reputation
- + And we guard our own hearts from the sins of coveting, pride, and unrepentant sin.
- + We learn to love our neighbors as ourselves
- + We learn to hate what is evil, and to cling to what is good
- + We confess Christ to our family and friends so that they too can have their sins forgiven to faith in Jesus Christ!

The [Resurrection](#) of Jesus Christ changes us; we hear and believe God's Word, and we live according to the values His Kingdom!

The [Resurrection](#) of Jesus Christ is a global event: it is the greatest miracle of all time; and it proves that Jesus is the Savior of every single person in every single country of the world!

Today may you believe it; trust in God's forgiveness for you, and be transformed by the power of the [Resurrection](#)!

Amen!

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1. Like the coronavirus, the Resurrection of Jesus makes a \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Jesus was declared to be the \_\_\_\_\_ in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead! Romans 1:2
3. It's like God the Father \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus!
4. Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ that has infected every single human being in every single country throughout history.
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ earned your forgiveness.
6. A real \_\_\_\_\_ happens to you because of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ!
7. Today may you \_\_\_\_\_ in God's forgiveness for you, and be transformed by the power of the \_\_\_\_\_!

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