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GIVE CERTAIN HOPE**

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of our Lord

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | Seward, NE

April 4, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. You may also find them in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew, and on the screen. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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DIVINE SERVICE I

M Christ Is Risen!

C He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today | **157**

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

INVOCATION

please stand, if able

M In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

M Christ Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins.

C **He was raised to life for our justification.**

M Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord.

C **Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.**

M Oh, come, let us worship and bow down.

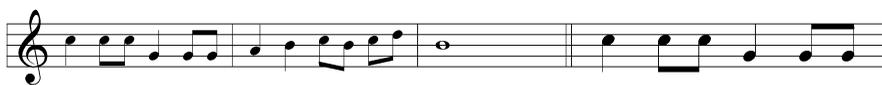
C **Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

M On Golgotha the cross stands empty. Morning breaks upon the empty tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C **Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

M Upon this your confession, by Christ's command and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The vacant cross and the empty tomb are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son in your place. Whoever believes in Him has eternal life. The Lord is my strength and my song.

C **He has become my salvation.**



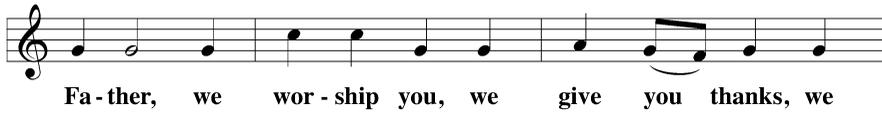
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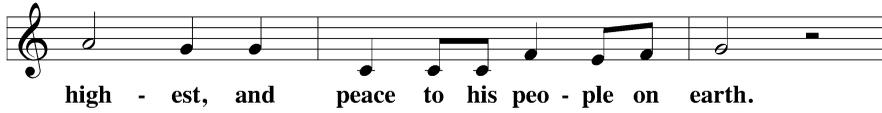
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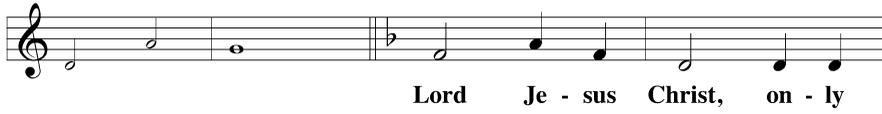
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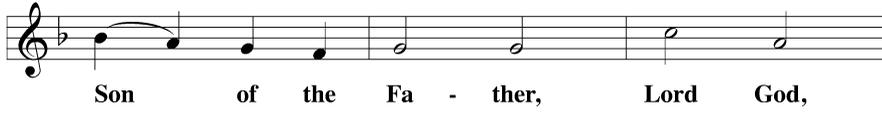
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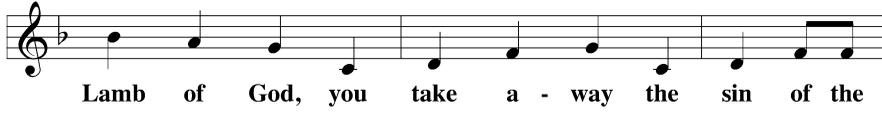
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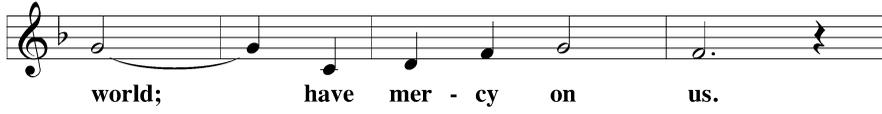
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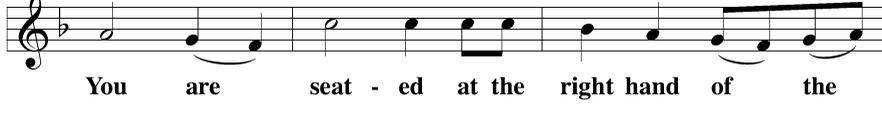
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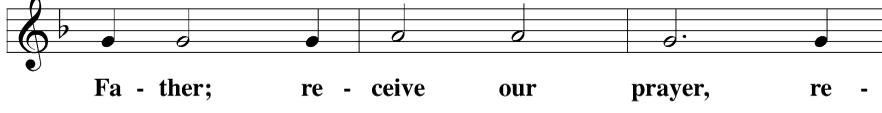
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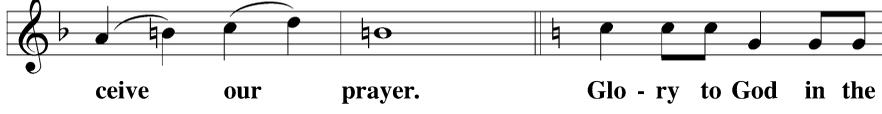
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You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



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you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

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 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.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat,
and with the finest wines.^b

⁷On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.
⁸He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.

⁹On that day it will be said,
"Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!" (EHV)

HYMN

Christ Is Arisen | **144**

Christ is arisen
From the grave's dark prison.
We now rejoice with gladness;

^b More literally *a banquet of fat food, a banquet of wine dregs, fat food filled with marrow, and dregs that are filtered*

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, our thanks shall be.
Lord, have mercy.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness.
Lord, have mercy.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.
²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." ²⁶Death is the last enemy to be done away with. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

M 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.

C ♪ **Easter triumph, Easter joy!**
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

CW 141

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

please stand, if able

M The Gospel according to Mark chapter 16.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ²Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. (EHV)

M This Is the Gospel of the Lord



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won | **145**

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To him the throne
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where he is gone,
Live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me he died;
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
"Jesus is my confidence!"

SERMON

John 20:19-20

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

RESPONSE HYMN

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word | **162**

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!

OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C **Christ is risen!**

M For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C **He is risen indeed!**

M He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

C **Alleluia!**

M We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

C **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

M Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

M With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C **You are risen!**

M Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C **You are risen indeed!**

M Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C **Alleluia!**

M Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C **We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

M Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C **He is risen!**

M As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C **He is risen indeed!**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide | **160**

1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.

2 Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.

3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.

PRAYER

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder the good news of Jesus' resurrection from being freely proclaimed in all the world. Let it bring us joy and build us up in faith, so that we may serve you faithfully all our days, and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | **152**

V. 1 AND 2 ALL

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.

V. 3 WOMEN

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.

V. 4 MEN

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.

V. 5 ALL

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.

V. 6 BAPTISM SIDE

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly 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.

V. 7 PULPIT SIDE

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.

V. 8 ALL

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!"

