



**ROAD  
WORK  
AHEAD**

**Resurrection**   
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Signs of Lent: Easter Sunday*  
*Road Work Ahead*

Matthew 28:1-10

- April 12, 2020 -

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am-Traditional Service

10:30 am-Contemporary Service

### WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

As we gather both online, and leading from the sanctuary, we no longer see the signs of Lent, rather we see the Sign of the Resurrection! We see the Empty Tomb! We can shout out, with joy, "Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" As we do this though, we have to remember there is still work to do! We must share the Good News that he rose. We still have a journey we are on to proclaim Jesus as the Risen King, in other words, there is still Road Work Ahead! How do we do this continuing work with everything going on around us? That's for joining the livestream as we explore this question and celebrate the Resurrection!



**April 12, 2020**  
**8:00 am Service**

**PRELUDE**

**“Christ Arose” – arr. Lani Smith**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION**

P: Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

**C: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

P: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

**C: But God’s love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!**

P: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

**C: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

P: Where, O death, is your victory?

**C: Where, O death, is your sting?**

P: Christ is risen!

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

P: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ, His Father and + Holy Spirit! Amen!

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457**

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!

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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!

## ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: O Living God,

**C: We confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection because we are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the Spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for forgetting there is still road work ahead, and not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and + Holy Spirit; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life.

**C: Amen!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" LSB 463 verses 1, 2 4**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**First Reading:** Hosea 6:1-3

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

**P:** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
**C: of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**P:** We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
**C: God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**P:** begotten not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
**C: through Him all things were made.**

**P:** For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
**C: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**P:** He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.  
**P:** We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
**C: the Lord, the giver of life,**

**P:** who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
**C: who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.**

**P:** He has spoken through the prophets.  
**C: We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**P:** We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
**C: We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTIVE HYMN

**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”** *LSB 461 verses 1, 2, 5, 8*

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.

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

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.

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!

## GOSPEL READING

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 28:1-10

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON HYMN

**“O Sons and Daughters of the King”** *LSB 470 verses 1-3, 9*

O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting!  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

## SERMON

### Signs of Lent: Road Work Ahead

Matthew 28:1-10

*Pastor Matt Mantey*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

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**"Because He Lives"** – *arr. Fred Bock*

## PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(After each portion of the prayers)*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(The prayers conclude)*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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.

## BENEDICTION

P: We thank You, Lord, for re-igniting the flame of hope within us, for filling our hearts with light and evicting the darkness, and for giving a new vision of Your glory. Go now on the road, as light-bearers to a world in darkness, Go now and share the signs of Jesus as hope-carriers to a world in despair; We go in the love of the Father, the power of the Spirit, and + in the name of the Risen Christ! He is risen!

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

## CLOSING HYMN

**“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”** *LSB 465 verses 1, 3*

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!

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

## POSTLUDE

**“He Is Risen! He Is Risen!”** – *arr. Edward Broughton*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Matthew Mantey  
**A/V Team:** Alex Lindeke  
**Organist:** Karen Tiffany Burgess





# PRAISES & PRAYERS

## Praise God:

- **We praise you for the sign of the Resurrection, the Empty Tomb!** We lift our hands to you with joy and celebrate the victory you have won! Let us be bold and creative in the way we go down all the roads of our lives to share the sign of your Resurrection!
- **We praise you for the gift of creativity, and thank you for the creative ways we can celebrate Easter.** If we can draw, let us share messages of hope on driveways or in windows. If we love music, let us play it out our windows. If we garden, may our flowers point to how life comes out of the earth this Easter Day!
- **We thank you for the blessing technology that is allowing churches around the world to still celebrate your Resurrection!** May we use it creatively and to its full ability to honor You in all our churches and lives!
- **We also thank you for those who are working long, hard hours at essential businesses across the nation, such as our medical professionals and grocery store workers!** Give them your strength, and let us show appreciation and thanks for them by shining your love out to them!

## In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for all those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.** We pray your light would shine on those grieving, that you would bring healing to those ill, and would bring a total cure to this disease. Continue to give doctors and government officials guidance on the best ways to work through this with your healing power overseeing it all!
- **Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country.**
- **We pray your blessing over all those in self-quarantine.** Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.
- **We lift up all those in midst who are ill and in need of healing.** Bring your strength, good health, and uplifting healing Spirit into their lives and may we continue to hold hands with them in creative ways!
- **We thank you that your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side.** Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.
- **Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection.** Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever.
- **Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection.** Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives and to continue with joy in all the road work ahead!

## **Bible Study Questions for Zoom Bible Study– Wed. at 7 PM**

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

Why did Mary Magdalene & the other Mary “(go) to see the tomb” early in the morning? What were they expecting to see? What emotions do you think they were feeling as they walked? How would you have felt if you were with them?

Why do you think the angel told the women not to be afraid ? What reason does the angel give the women for not being afraid (“Do not be afraid for . . . )? What evidence does the angel give to the women to prove his claim that Jesus has risen? Why is this evidence important?

The angel said that Jesus had risen “just as He said.” According to Matthew’s gospel, what had Jesus said to the disciples concerning His death (see 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; and cf. 12:40)? Do you think the disciples should have expected the crucifixion and empty tomb? Would you have expected these events or would you be sharing the same confused emotions as the women at the tomb?

What is the road work ahead that both the angel and Jesus call the women to? Would this have been a difficult task you think? Do we ourselves have a message like this to deliver?

In v8, the women are said to have great fear, and great joy. Why would they have fear, do we think? Why joy, do we think? These two emotions come before the women meet Jesus in v9. Their first response is to take hold of his feet and worship him. If we thought about this scene as a model for worship, what would it teach us about worship? How does it compare to our own worship?

Explain the contention that the Christian faith stands or falls based on Christ's resurrection. Explain the connection between Jesus' resurrection and your own salvation. As we work on these explanations, how do they reflect the road work ahead we are still called to do? How can we take heart that our labor is not in vain, as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:58?

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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