



**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
10:30 am Service

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 PRAISE

"Resurrection Hymn"

See, what a morning
gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope
in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes,
tomb filled with light,
As the angles announce,
"Christ is risen."

See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, born in pain,
paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the man,
for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead.

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See Mary weeping,
"Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns
from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking,
calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord,
raised to life again!

The voice that span the years,
speaking life, stirring hope,
bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father,
Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith
with certainty.
Honour and blessing,
glory and praise
To the King
crowned with pow'r
and authority.

And we are raised with Him;
death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him,
for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead.
(REPEAT)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LW 264 verses 1, 2, 4, 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 exalted throned above
He lives to rule His church in love

He lives to silence all my fears
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart
He lives all blessing to impart

He lives all glory to His name
He lives my Savior still the same
What joy this blest assurance gives
I know that my Redeemer lives

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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!

SERMON SONG

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus 1

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus 2

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Chorus 2

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Chorus 3

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives
Because He lives

SERMON

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Matthew 28:1-10
Pastor Matt Mantey

PRAISE SONGS

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"The Easter Song" TOSB 42

Hear the bells ringing,
They're singing that we can be born again!
Here the bells ringing,
They're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead!"

The angel upon the tombstone said,
"He is risen just as He said.
Quickly now, go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"

Chorus

Joy to the world, He is risen, alleluia!
He's risen, alleluia! He risen, alleluia, alleluia!
(REPEAT SONG)

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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.

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 SONG

“My Redeemer Lives”

I know He rescued my soul;
His blood has covered my sins.
I believe, I believe.
My shame He's taken away;
My pain is healed in His name.
I believe, I believe.

Pre-Chorus

I'll raise the banner,
'cause my Lord has conquered the grave.

Chorus

**My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.**

(REPEAT SONG)

Bridge

**You lift my burdens; I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your kingdom come.**

Chorus x2

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Matthew Mantey
A/V Team: Alex Lindeke
Worship Team: Dale & Suzy Lindeke, Barb Cropp, Karlia Lindeke, Martin Lindeke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up? A Easter Season Series, "Revive Us Again!"

This will be a short 3-week series continuing the theme of Easter in our lives, to remind us that the glory isn't done yet! It keeps on reviving us! We will continue to live in the joy and the light of the Resurrection no matter what is going on in this world! Easter continues this season, so let all of worship be a reminder of that glorious moment. Eastertide is a continuation, but also an application. The proclamation still rings in our ears, Christ is Alive! This leads to the inevitable response, "Now what?" What does Christ's resurrection mean for us? How are we made alive again? How do we live into eternity, even as we continue in the world as we know it? How do we live as Easter people in a Good Friday world? Tune in to find out! We look forward to you joining us via livestream for the next 3 weeks at 10 am for the "Revive Us Again" series!

Zoom Bible Study

On Wednesday at 7 PM Pastor Matt will be hosting a Zoom Bible Study for those who would like to connect and gather around the Word of the Lord. For those not familiar Zoom is an online conferencing tool. If you go to their website, <https://zoom.us/> you can sign up for an account and will be able to join the Bible Study. Please email the office if you have any questions.

Midweek Communion Opportunities

Pastor Matt is setting up appointments for communion on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays of the upcoming weeks to administer the sacraments in groups of 10 or less. If you would like to commune please call the office at 206-824-2978 or email Pastor at matt.mantey@resurrection-lcms.org to set up a time. God Bless!

BUDGET REPORT

The budget report will return. There has been some issues with the spreadsheet. Sorry for the delay.

PRAISES

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!

PRAYERS

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

Office Hours: Closed

Email: Monday-Thursday 9 am—2 pm (secretary@resurrection-lcms.org)

SUNDAY, April 19th

New Sermon Series



10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

live stream @ [facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa](https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa)

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