**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10:00 A.M.**

**OUR EASTER CELEBRATION BEGINS**

**P**: If your only Son had not been born,

**C: Jesus could not have lived.**

**P**: If He had not lived,

**C: We could not have known of Your love.**

**P:** If He had not died,

**C: He could not have been resurrected.**

**P:** And we who are made in Your image,

**C: Could not know eternal life.**

**P:** He is risen!

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

**HYMN: *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today*”** (Vss. 1, 2, 3, 4) **ELW # 365**

**1.**

Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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 heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

**P:** We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains.

**C: Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the Easter life.**

**P:** We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains.

**C: Forgive us that we fail to show the truth that You love us.**

**P:** We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains.

**C: Forgive us for choosing fear over trust in You.**

**P:** We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains.

**C: Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of**

**the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

**EASTER PRAYER:**

**P:** Kind Heavenly Father, every day, every hour, every minute, You offer us new beginnings. In all things You give us a chance to do it better, make it last and make it more acceptable. With You beside us and Your infinite wisdom, unlimited power and almighty strengths, there is no end to what we can accomplish together. We call on You now for that strength and power and wisdom as we start another beginning in Your care. Continue to bless us with good health, with work to do and responsibilities to shoulder. Draw us ever closer in thought, word and deed, since there are too many things in life that divide and separate us. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *“How Great Thou Art!”*** Charlene Brauckmuller

**THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43** Peter began to speak to the people, “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. You know the message He sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, that He is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, how He went about doing good and healing all who are oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. We are witnesses to all that He did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and allowed Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

**EPISTLE READING: Corinthians 15:1-11**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you, unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed onto you as of first importance what I in turn had received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than 500 brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. but by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON:**  Lynn Reid

**EASTER GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus’ body. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They have been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised. He is not here. Look there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee, there you will see Him, just as He told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**EASTER SERMON:**  Pastor Mike Lemke

**HYMN:**  ***“Thine is the Glory”*** (Vss. 1, 2, 3) **ELW 376**

**1.**

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

**Refrain:  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!**

**2.**

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

**Refrain:  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!**

**3.**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

**Refrain:  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!**

**NICENE CREED**

**ALL:** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate**

**from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING:**

**THE OFFERING RESPONSE:**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the church throughout the world, especially pastoral care givers and all ministries of healing, both spiritual and physical.  Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** For those who hold public office. Grant unto them wisdom and foresight in these troubled times and the courage and strength to do Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** For all those in need, especially the sick, and those left devastated physically, spiritually, mentally, financially and socially by COVID-19. For all health-care workers, staff persons, scientists and researchers who work tirelessly to rid the world of disease.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** For those who are confused and anxious in these times. For those who question their faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**P:** For those who are preparing for baptism. For those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. For those who do not believe in God. For all of creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P**: Into Your hands O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through the merits of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen!

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Gina Diekmeier and Pam Lugo

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts!

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Almighty, Everlasting God, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. For He is the true Passover Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world. By His death, He has destroyed death. By His rising, He has brought us unto eternal life. Therefore, with the whole company of angels, with the saints of every time and place, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! Lord God of power and might!**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**P:** Let us pause for a moment of silence to remember those dear ones in You, O Christ, who are separated from us but for a time, who have died in this life only to wake to You in the splendor and Your love and of Your embrace: Bea Varney, Irmie Staley, Al Schober, Jim Mueller, Al Binks and Elain Crawford.  We remember also unto You those others forever in our hearts who live with You in Your Kingdom.  Because You live, they live.  Because You live, we live.  Thanks be unto You, O Christ!

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread. He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take and eat! This is My body given for you. Do this to remember Me.” Again, after supper, He took the cup. He gave thanks and then gave it for all to drink saying, “This cup is the New Testament of My blood, given and shed for you, for everyone, for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**THE LORD’S 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 forever. Amen.**

**THE SHARING OF THE MEAL**

**P:** We give You thanks, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life and we pray that in Your mercy, You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN: *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* (Vss. 1, 2, 3, 4) ELW 367**

**1.**

Now all the vault of heaven 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! He is living!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**2.**

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings,  
”Christ hath 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.

**3.**

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.

**4.**

Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heavenly blessèd sing,  
'Christ hath triumphed! Alleluia!”  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**P:**  He is risen!

**C:  He is risen indeed!**

**P:**  May the Lord bless us and keep us.  May the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us.  May the lord look upon us with favor and grant us His peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C:  Thanks be to God. Amen!**