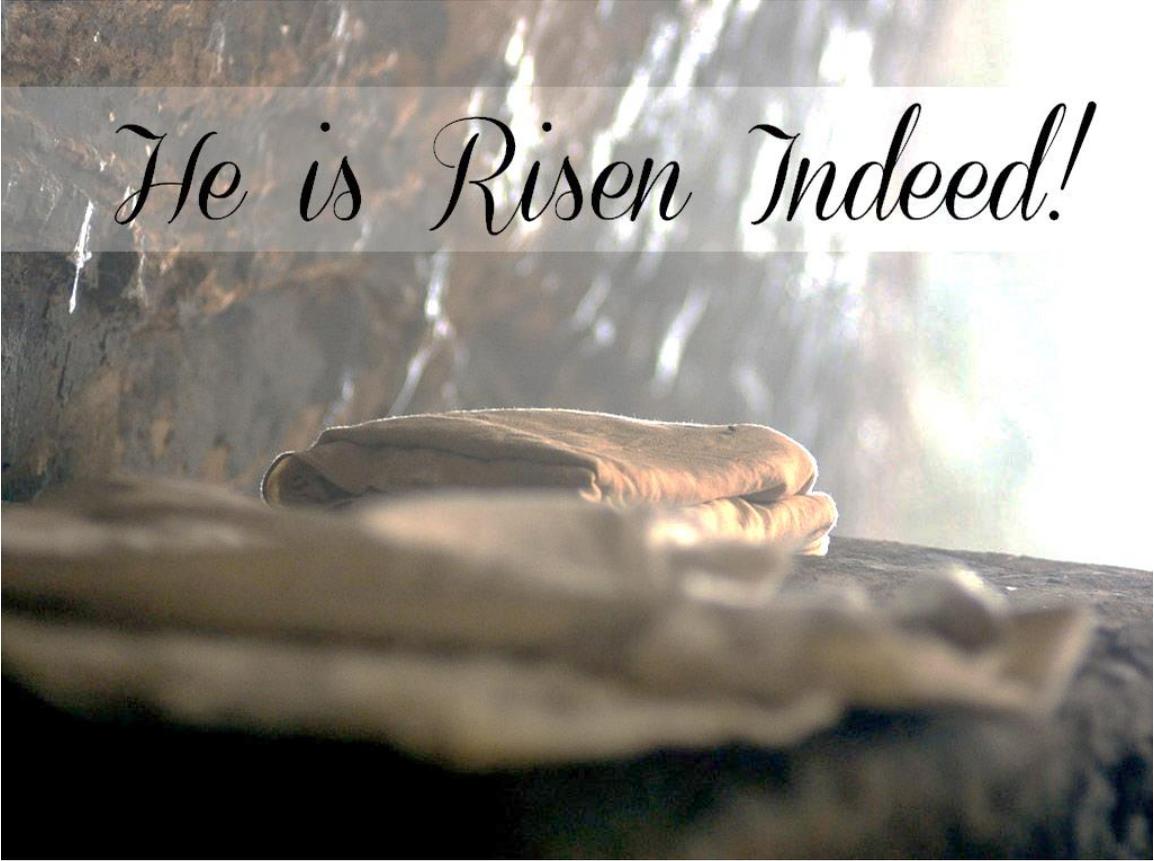


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He is Risen Indeed!

*Easter Sunday 9:30 am
April 4, 2021*

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Prelude

Opening Hymn 457

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

- 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!**

(Stand) 4 **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!**

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Hymn 633

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

- 1 **At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!**
- 3 **Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**
- 4 **Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**
- 7 **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!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn 482

“This Joyful Eastertide”

- 1 **This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,**

Has sprung to life this morrow:

**Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!**

² Death's flood has lost its chill

Since Jesus crossed the river;

Lover of souls, from ill

My passing soul deliver:

**Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; but now has 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:

**Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

R ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

R ¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the

third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back - it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn 463

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

1 **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!

2 **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!

- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 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!**

Sermon

Vicar Scott Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Service of Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at St. Mark Lutheran in the confidence that in this feast, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. In Communion, we receive forgiveness for our sins, a deeper relationship with Christ and with one another, and power to live a life that truly glorifies God.

Our Lord invites to His feast those who believe this, repent of their sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love others as He forgives and loves us. Because the Bible tells us of the serious consequences of misusing the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), we commune those who have been instructed in God's Word and who declare their faith in these truths. We welcome our guests and ask that you direct any questions in this regard to Pastor Gilson.

Preface

LSB 160

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Hymn 461

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

**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.**

- 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.**
- 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!**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 467

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

**1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.**

**2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

**3 This is a sight that gladdens -
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens**

**The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me has won.**

- 7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."**

Postlude

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Our Christian sympathy to R.J. and Stephanie Marquez and family on the death of R.J.'s mother, Karen, who received Eternal Life on Friday, March 26, 2021. A private family service has been held. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. *"Death is Swallowed Up in Victory!"*

Please pray for:

Jack Brewer, recovering from surgery this past week, and Sandy Verhoven, continuing treatment in Florida.

Members continuing medical care, undergoing treatment or in need of prayer: Arnie and Pat Abrelat, Pat Brady, Terry Carlson, Brenda Hoisington, Jan Larabee, Cindy Meister, Larry Miller, Bonnie Micka, Sally Mitchell, Sue Neuman, Norbert Scholle, Jill Sorensen, Carol Warren, Duane Wentzloff and Sue Woodruff.

Pray for St. Mark members who reside in assisted living facilities: Margaret Boehm at Dayspring, Mary Benninger at Seminole Shores, and Betty Havermans at American House.

Please pray for family and friends of the congregation:

Eric Wentzloff, son of Duane and Cherie Wentzloff; **Deb Guilbault**, sister-in-law of Tami Sheehy;; **Sue Swanson**, sister, and **Carol Weaver**, friend of Carolyn Bickmeyer; **Vivian Hayes**, sister-in-law of Linda Hayes and Pam Bruining; **Gary Kienke**, friend, and **Jan Wallstead** and **Betty Hennrick**, sisters of Nancy (Joe) Kimble; **Amanda Cortes**, daughter of Tony and Jean Hladki; **Nathan Erickson**, son of Lee and Beth Erickson; **Sandra Stuemke**, sister of Larry and Gloria Miller; **Huck Breen**, brother-in-law, and **Olivia Gillespie**, friend of Gary and Kathleen Schottke; **Robert Council**, son of Carolyn Council and brother of Becky and Belinda (Bruce) Schouten; **Jody Hoppus**, sister of Jim (Melinda) Hoppus; **Caleb Sheldon**, grandson of Al and Mary Sheldon; **Joy Chalko**, sister, and **Gary**, brother-in-law of Renee Schaab; **Scott Verhoven**, son of Sandy and Frank Verhoven; **Ron Burmeister**, father of Steve Burmeister; **Sheila Bluhm**, daughter of Lois Bluhm; **Janet Havey**, sister, and **Keonna Watkins**, daughter-in-law of Larry and Cindy Bolduc; **Ray Bohnert**, **Eddie Yamnitz** and **Ruby Bohnert**, grandparents of Alisha Schimm; **Gloria Suchecki**, friend and **Allen Hosko**, nephew of Sandy Hosko; **Colleen Whittaker**, sister of Mike (Gail) Whittaker; **Roger Miller**, cousin of Larry (Gloria) Miller, Kay (Tim) Schouten and Jean (Tony) Hladki; **Terry Jensen**, former member and brother of Frank (Sandy) Verhoven; **Linda DeKuiper**, friend of Judy Yonker, **Bob Thom**, brother of Bonnie (Ron) Micka; **Jeff**, brother-in-law of Jane (Larry) Bednarz; **Barb Ruckle**, niece of Carol (Mike) Sutton; **William and Jonie Guerne**, grandson and daughter-in-law of Dick (Lynne) Guerne, **Mary Micka**, sister of Ron (Bonnie) Micka, **Doris Franks**, sister of Ardy Bulthouse; **Beth and Jeff**, sister and brother-in-law of Jane Bednarz; baby **Liam** and parents **Toni and Kyle**, great-great-nephew of Duane and Cherié Wentzloff, and **Shelley Becklin**, friend of Jean Dusenberry.