

**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**April 9, 2023**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA**

**Order of Worship**

Easter Prelude

An Easter Morning Litany

L: The Lord is Risen!

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

L: The light of the sun breaks forth across the sky,  
and a new day has dawned.

**C: The Son of God has broken forth from the tomb,  
and new life has begun.**

L: The dark night has been transformed by the light of the sun,  
and the world breaks forth with color.

**C: Christ has emerged from the depth of the grave, and the world  
breaks forth with Joy.**

L: The Silence of the night is broken by the sounds of chirping birds.

**C: The hush of death is overcome by the sounds of God's people  
breaking forth in songs of praise.**

L: Plants and trees turn toward the light from above as morning breaks

**C: And we turn toward the Son of God to live in the light of his life.**

L: Now every morning will break forth with hope and promise,  
because Christ is alive.

**C: Every morning will be filled with blessing and salvation!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Song of Praise "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" # 367

1 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! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has 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 Oh, 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 heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

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Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Easter Prayer

Song of Praise "Thine Is the Glory"

# 376

1 Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry 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 conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

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**

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

Gospel Story

John 20: 1-18

**Song**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 12-23

**Song**

**I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2: 1-10

**Song**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

Scripture Reading

Job 19: 23-27

Easter Message

Song "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

# 377 vs. 1, 4, 5

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

**Refrain**

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.  
**Refrain**

5 City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926. Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offering

Offering Prayer

L: Risen Christ,

**C: receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us, and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection. In your name we pray...Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

L: Yes, it is right to give thanks and praise, for this day God has done a wonderful thing. We share in the victory over sin, death, and the devil, as we eat and drink. Jesus lives and is with us now.

Remembering God's Promise....

Invitation:

L: The Lord swallows up death forever and makes a feast of rich food and wine. Come...eat, drink, the gift of God for you...even as we pray...

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Songs: #380, #379 Please see your Hymnal

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

L: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, and for laying your gentle hand of blessing on us, through Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Song of Praise "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

# 365

- 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

Benediction

L: The stone is rolled away! We have gathered in resurrection grace. We have had our faith lifted up, sitting triumphantly on the empty tomb. Now, go with the joy of Easter in your heart.

L: Go in peace. Proclaim the Risen Lord! Christ is Risen!

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

Postlude