

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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EASTER SUNDAY at St. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH April 9, 2023

Welcome to our church and to our worship service on Easter Sunday, the day when life triumphs over death, when love pushes aside fear, when hope walks with us in every moment.

The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red), the hymns are found in the main section, marked with black numbers.

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

P: Christ is risen!
P: Christ is risen.
C: He is risen indeed!
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P: Rejoice and be glad:

C: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Rejoice and be glad:

C: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

P: Rejoice and be glad:

C: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Hymn: #364, 1 – 3: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Call to Worship

P: This is the day

C: angels bring light into our shadows, and gardeners harvest good news.

P: This is the day the Lord

C: awakens us with unexpected grace, and the sun breaks out in song.

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: The day when life triumphs over death, when love pushes aside fear,

All: when hope walks with us in every moment.

Welcome

Prayer of confession and forgiveness

P: Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.

C: Still we look for the living among the dead.

P: You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

C: Still we look for the living among the dead.

P: You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

C: Still we look for the living among the dead.

P: You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

C: Still we look for the living among the dead.

P: Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

C: Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading from Colossians 3, 1-4 & 11: Christ is all in all!

Hymn: #369, 1 - 2: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!

The Gospel is announced: "The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Reading of the Gospel: John 20:1 - 18: Seeing the risen Christ.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn: #369; 3 – 4: Christ, the victim undefiled

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #391, This Joyful Eastertide

The Nicene Creed

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:

Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.

Who 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

Prayers of Intercession, P concludes: *He is risen* Congregation responds: He is risen indeed

Sharing of the peace:

P: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you!

C: And also with you

Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

Sending Hymn: 364, 4 & 5: Go, spread the News

P: Go in peace, share the good news C: Thanks be to God Postlude