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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER DAY**

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On this most joyful day, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The women at the tomb were met with the astonishing news that Jesus, once crucified, now lives and goes ahead of His people. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God promised that His people would again be restored and rejoice in His steadfast love. And in the Epistle, St. Paul proclaims that because Christ has been raised, those who belong to Him already share in His risen life—our lives now hidden with Christ in God, awaiting the day when He appears in glory. Today we rejoice that the resurrection is not only Christ's victory but also the source of our hope, our identity, and our future. Alleluia!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! *Easter Acclamation*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

CROSS PROCESSIONAL

Please stand and face the cross as it leads us into worship.

PRESERVICE SONG - "Celebrate Jesus" Philippians 4:4

1, 3, 5 Celebrate Jesus, celebrate
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate

2, 4 He is risen, He is risen
And He lives forevermore
He is risen, He is risen
Come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord

6, 7 He is risen, He is risen
And He lives forevermore
He is risen, He is risen
Come on and celebrate, come on and celebrate
Come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord

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The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24; 2 timothy 1:10b; Romans 4:28, 10:9; 1 Corinthians 6:14

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

C **Jesus our Lord was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**

P If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

C **God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P The angel declared, “He is not here, for He has risen” (*Matthew 28:6*). We rejoice in the victory of our Lord. Yet we also confess that our hearts and minds have not always been set on “the things that are above” (*Colossians 3:2*). The Lord has loved us with an everlasting love (*Jeremiah 31:3*), but we have not always walked in that love. Let us come before our gracious God in repentance and faith.

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

P Risen Lord Jesus Christ,

C **You are our life, yet we have lived as though our lives were our own. You call us to seek the things that are above, but we have been preoccupied with the things of earth. You have raised us with Yourself in Baptism, but we have returned to old sins, old fears, and old ways. You have loved us with an everlasting love, yet we have not loved You with our whole heart or our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, that we may walk in the new life You have given. Amen.**

P “Do not be afraid,” the angel said to the women at the tomb, “for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen” (*Matthew 28:5–6*). Because Christ lives, your sins are forgiven. Because Christ lives, your life is hidden with Him in God (*Colossians 3:3*). Because Christ lives, you will appear with Him in glory (*Colossians 3:4*).

P Therefore, 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.

P Beloved in the Lord, the God who has loved you with an everlasting love (*Jeremiah 31:3*) now restores you, renews you, and strengthens you for life in His name. Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, on this glorious day You raised Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, from the dead, and through His empty tomb You have brought life and immortality to light. As You once promised Your people that they would again plant and again sing, so now grant that we who have been raised with Christ in Baptism may set our minds on the things that are above, rejoice in the good news proclaimed at the tomb, and live in the sure hope that when Christ who is our life appears, we also will appear with Him in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

OPENING SONG – “Christ is Risen”

- 1 Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us, freely You bled for us

- 2, 4 Christ is risen from the dead
6, 7 Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave

- 3 Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bow to none but heavens will
No scheme of hell, no scoffer’s crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign, forever let Your church proclaim

- 5 Oh death, where is your sting?
Oh hell, where is your victory?
Oh church, come stand in the light
Our God is not dead, He’s alive, He’s alive

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

(The Lord has love for His people forever.)

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,

to the LORD our God.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

L Christ has risen from the dead.

C **[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

L He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C **he has put all things under his feet.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

(Paul writes that our lives are hidden with Christ in God.)

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

2 Timothy 1:10b

P Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death

C **and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

(He is not here!)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "*Greetings!*" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "*Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.*"

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 20:16 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’” Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

OFFERTORY – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Matthew 28:6

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia
Raise Your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Risen Lord Jesus, You greeted the women at the tomb with peace and joy. Strengthen Your Church throughout the world to proclaim with clarity and confidence that You are not in the grave but alive forevermore. Keep us seeking the things that are above, where You are, seated at the right hand of God. (*Colossians 3:1*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You promised through Jeremiah that Your people would again plant and again sing. (*Jeremiah 31:4–5*) Bless pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who serve in Your Church, that the good news of Christ’s resurrection may be heard in every place and believed with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all nations, as the angel said, “Do not be afraid,” grant peace to our world and wisdom to those who govern. Turn the hearts of all leaders toward justice, mercy, and the protection of the vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, You have raised us with Christ in Holy Baptism and hidden our lives with Him in You. (*Colossians 3:1–3*) Help us to walk in newness of life, setting our minds on things above and living in the hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, the women at the tomb were met with both fear and great joy. Be near to all who struggle with fear, illness, grief, or any distress, especially [*specific requests and praises*]. Grant healing according to Your will, comfort in Your promises, and the assurance that because Christ lives, nothing can separate us from Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, comfort those who mourn with the promise that when Christ who is our life appears, we also will appear with Him in glory. (*Colossians 3:4*) Give them hope in the resurrection and the sure confidence that death has lost its power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You have loved us with an everlasting love and drawn us to Yourself with unfailing kindness. (*Jeremiah 31:3*) Fill our hearts with Easter joy, that we may live as people who know the rest of the story—Christ is risen, and in Him we shall rise. 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 Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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 unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

LAMB OF GOD SONG

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“O Lord, Your Tenderness” Isaiah 61:3

1, 2 O Lord, Your tenderness, melting all my bitterness
 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, Your loveliness, changing my unworthiness
 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, I receive Your love

3 O Lord, I receive Your love
 O Lord, I receive Your love

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“Seek Ye First” Matthew 6:33

1, 4 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
 And all these things shall be added unto you
 Allelu, alleluia

2 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
 That proceeds from the mouth of God
 Allelu, alleluia

3 Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
 Allelu, alleluia

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, ruler of all things, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this wondrous Sacrament, we may die daily to sin through our Baptism and rise new and restored as we joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your glory for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

Please Greet One Another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you", or "The peace of the Lord be with you" or "The Lord be with you".

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CROSS RECESSIONAL

Please face the cross as it leads us to serve the Lord in the world.

CLOSING SONG - "My Redeemer Lives"

1, 3 I know He rescued my soul
 His blood covered my sin
 I believe, I believe
 My shame He's taken away
 My pain is healed in His name
 I believe, I believe
 I'll raise a banner
 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 My Redeemer lives
 My Redeemer lives
 My Redeemer lives
 My Redeemer lives

6 You lift my burden
 And I rise with You
 I'm dancing on this mountaintop
 To see Your kingdom come

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