



**St. Luke's
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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 C)

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

As consumers and citizens, we long for guarantees. Items purchased are accompanied with contracts and warranties boasting of verbiage that guarantees longevity, functionality, and protection. Political speeches are filled with persuasive arguments and accolades guaranteeing allegiance, prosperity, and freedom. Apart from God's Word, human guarantees are fragile at best. Because of God's Word in Christ, we have abundant, life, joy, and eternal hope. His bleeding wounds—a gouging crown, nail-scarred hands, and speared side—guarantee our forgiveness, grace, and eternal life. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has purchased all of His lost and condemned creatures with blood. This is more than a deceptive warranty; it comes through Jesus, the very Word made flesh, for the redemption and resurrection of the world.

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.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

C Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!

P Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

NICENE CREED

☩ 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 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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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

(God re-creates all things new!—the heavens, the earth, Jerusalem, the chosen—upending a sin-broken world, preparing all believers for new life in resurrection.)

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

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 *1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

(In the end, the kingdom of God will rule over every power and authority. All believers shall be made alive in Christ.)

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Luke 24:1-12

(The Lord is crucified, killed, and buried, but His tomb is found empty! Resurrection triumph prevails. Jesus is alive! Believers are perplexed, amazed, yet confident by faith.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**
Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 24:6–7 – “He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” Jesus is risen. But is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and sisters, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen — He is risen indeed!

OFFERTORY - "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

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, Lord of all creation made new in resurrection, we give thanks to You that the light of Christ eclipses our sin and that the waters of Baptism keep us buoyant in a sure and certain faith unto life everlasting. We earnestly await the revelation of the new Jerusalem, where we will be resurrected and numbered with all the saints of light and life. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Dearest Jesus, You are the Lord of hope, life, and joy for all those who have fallen asleep. In You all will be made alive! Resurrection shall be ours, when we are delivered into the kingdom of God the Father. We give thanks that You destroyed the adversaries that seek to marginalize faith and divert us from knowing and confessing the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of life, together with the eyewitnesses of Your empty tomb, move us from skepticism to bold confidence, from scared silence to convincing emphatic proclamation of the risen Christ. Let us rejoice that we stand in the lineage of the prophets who foretold the risen Savior, the apostles and saints who were Jesus' companions, and for all of us who eagerly await the final day of resurrection. 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 Your Son, 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 – *sung by Max Peterson*

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.”

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.

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

“I Stand in Awe” Romans 11:33

1, 3 You are beautiful beyond description
Too marvelous for words
Too wonderful for comprehension
Like nothing ever seen or heard
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description
Majesty enthroned above

2, 4, 5 And I stand, I stand in awe of You
I stand, I stand in awe of You
Holy God to whom all praise is due
I stand in awe of You
I stand in awe of You

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“Come Just as You Are” John 4:14

- 1, 2 Come just as you are
 Hear the Spirit call
 Come just as you are
 Come and see (come and see)
 Come, receive (come, receive)
 Come and live (come and live) forever
- 3, 5, 6 Life everlasting and strength for today
 Taste the Living Water and never thirst again
- 4, 7 Come just as you are
 Hear the Spirit call
 Come just as you are
 Come receive (come receive)
 Christ the King (Christ the King)
 Come and live (come and live) forever
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“Make Me a Servant” John 13:14-16

- 1, 2, 3 Make me a servant, humble and meek
 Lord, let me lift up those who are weak
 And may the prayer of my heart always be
 Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today
 (Kelly Willard ©1982, arr. ©1997 Maranatha! Music & Willing Heart Music CCLI #288089)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

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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