AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY ELW - Setting 6, Holy Communion 10:30 AM April 9, 2023

GATHERING

ENTRY HYMN: "Were You There" (sung by Echo Fettes) CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather at the empty tomb to give thanks this day. The dawn has come. The dawning of new light, the light of resurrection. The light of hope, comfort and peace. Jesus who was once dead is alive and at work in our world. Let this be a day of joy.

All: Fill our hearts Lord, that we might worship you not with empty words, not with hollow songs, but with emotion spilling over,

that mix together with the joy known across the world. For today is Easter Day. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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#365

GATHERING SONG: *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* GREETING

Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleuia!

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *All:* And also with you.

KYRIE, p. 165
HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast", p. 169
GATHERING PRAYER
PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24
¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."
¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!" ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter." ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-4 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10 CHOIR ANTHEM: "Christ is Risen (Cristo Vive)" by Pablo Sosa, arr. Hopson. Accompanied by Deborah Buck and Cherie Jarock SERMON HYMN OF THE DAY: "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" #382 **OFFERING PRAYER:** Gracious God, All: We bring our own gifts, of resources, of time, of of commitment, praying that you use them all to bring new life, new hope, and resurrection so that what seems dead can find a new purpose. Amen. (re:worshipblogspot.com) PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Gracious God – your mercy is great"

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THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 172 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 173 THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

"Holy One, you are the beginning and the end, the giver of life . . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:" All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. As we eat and drink together this day, may your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. All: Come, Holy Spirit. All praise and glory are yours O God, now and forever. Amen. LORD'S PRAYER, p. 173 **LAMB OF GOD**, p. 174 HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: "Chris Has Arisen, Alleluia" #364 #362 "AT the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" "Bread of Life from Heaven" #474 PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

All: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard and seen and experienced. *All:* We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Go forth sustained by God's steadfast love. *All:* We go forth transformed and transforming. Go forth with shouts of joy. *All:* Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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SENDING HYMN: "Come You Faithful Raise the Strain" #363 DISMISSAL

All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist. Grape-apple juice and red wine are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 55

First Reading – Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ THEN PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK TO THEM: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

¹IF 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.



Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10

¹AFTER THE SABBATH, AS THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK WAS DAWNING. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, 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; there they will see me."

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> Thank you for sharing in worship here today. May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you, a source of strength and hope.

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