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A Jesus-Centered Community of Scripture, Faith, and Grace.

Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday

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WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN!!!

Welcome! University Lutheran is a Jesus Centered Community of Scripture, Faith, and Grace. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

The Welcome and the Prelude

Invocation (please stand)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God said, "Let there be light,"

"And there was light."

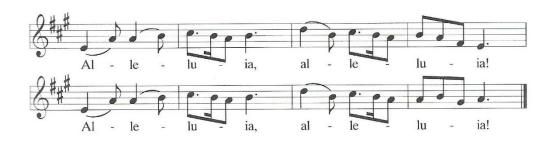
Genesis 1

In Christ was life,

And He was the light of the world. John 1

The Holy Spirit filled them,

And what seemed to be tongues of firelight came to rest on them. Acts 2 Now may the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds. Amen.



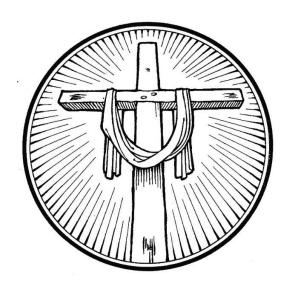
Confession and Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and what you have been saved from.

Gracious Father of Our Risen Lord,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us. For His sake, our sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



The Service of the Word

The Entrance Song (Remain standing) Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

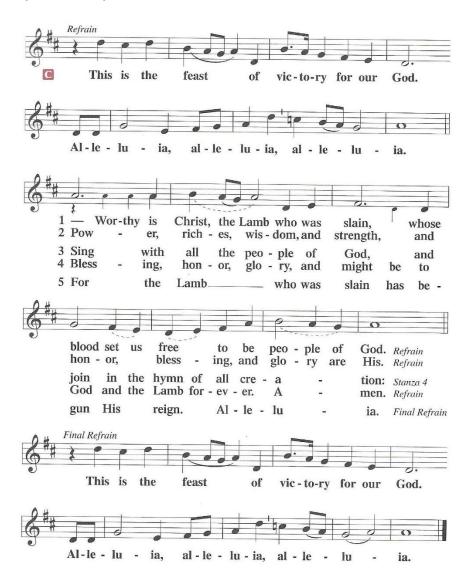


The Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Glory



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you!

Let us pray. God who draws our hopes into a new frame of what is possible, Open our eyes to the hope that is beyond what we could hope for, the promise of life eternal and the defeat of sin. Grant that living into this hope, we would rejoice and give thanks for Your great power and mercy. Amen.

The Lessons (Please be seated)

The First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The Psalm of the Day - Psalm 16 (Spoken responsively)

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Gospel Verse



The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 16th Chapter

Glory to You, O Lord!

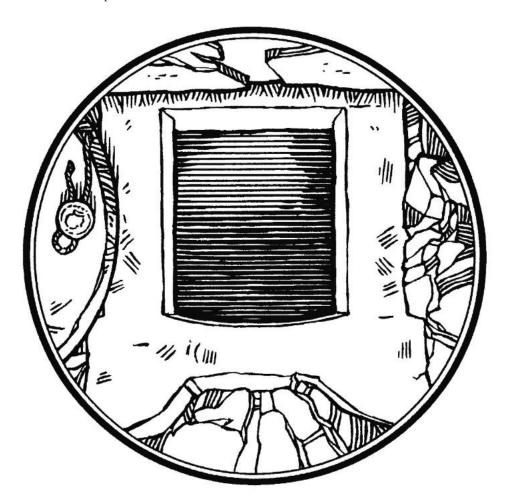
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He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is

going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord! Praise to You, O Christ!



The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day (Please Stand)
Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom



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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made Man. 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

* "catholic" from the ancient text meaning the whole Church as it confesses Christian doctrine

The Gathering of Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Lord God,

Lift our eyes beyond what we might hope for without You. As our hopes take on new definition as we peer into the empty tomb, so do our hopes for what You might do with these offerings. Multiply what we give through Your grace and power that we might see beyond our hopes to Your miraculous Kingdom's coming. Amen.

The Offertory



The Prayers of the Church

Heavenly Father, we ask that You would hear us now as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Increase our hope through these Holy Days in which we remember the Resurrection of our Lord. Grant that through them, our eyes would look beyond the empty tomb with hope that we may see our own Resurrections made possible by that of Christ. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us hope, O Lord, that death is swallowed up in Your Son Jesus Christ, who swallowed death upon the Cross and tomb and rose victorious. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us hope, O Lord, that You will not abandon our soul to Sheol or let us see corruption, but that we may join Christ in Your presence in the fullness of joy and in pleasures forevermore. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us hope, O Lord, that the effect of Christ's Resurrection and this Easter would be manifest in us, as it was in Paul, as we proclaim the Gospel in our lives because of Your grace. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us hope, O Lord, that we, with the trembling and astonishment of those first at the tomb, would fearfully wonder about the implications of Your Resurrection for our life and world. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

other intercessions are offered here

We continue to pray for our world especially in the midst of this virus outbreak. We ask that You would bring a swift end to the pain and suffering caused by the virus, that You would comfort those who mourn and those concerned for their loved ones, and we ask that You would empower those whose vocations serve the endangered and infected. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

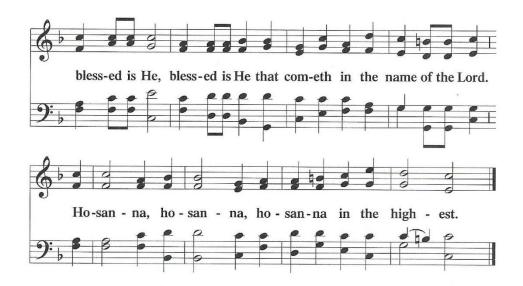
We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all time and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. Chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:





The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, and 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.



Distribution

(This church believes that in the mystery of Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Jesus are truly found in, with, and under the bread and wine* for the forgiveness of sin. We consider the act of partaking in this holy meal as an active affirmation the beliefs of this church within the Body of Christ. If you are not ready for such commitments, we ask that you refrain from partaking and come forward for a blessing.)

Communion Hymn - He is Arisen! Glorious Word



^{*} Non-alcoholic communion cups are available in the middle of the communion cup tray for those unable to consume alcohol because of medical infirmity or vow of abstinence.

A Prayer for the Spiritual Communion of Those Joining Remotely Lord Jesus,

We believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament. We love You above all things, and desire to receive You into our souls. Since many cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, we ask that You would unite them with Yourself and with us by the power of Your Holy Spirit until that day comes when we are gathered together at Your throne in the Resurrection. Amen.

The Post Communion Blessing

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. We give thanks to You,

Almighty God, for You have refreshed us through this healing gift of Your Son's Body and Blood broken and spilled on our behalf. Furthermore, we appeal to You that by this gift You would strengthen our faith in You and reinforce our fervent love toward one another. All this we ask on behalf of the hope of the world: Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn



The Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Announcements and the Salutation

Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Thanks for coming to worship today!

Thanks for worshiping with us today. We hope that you had an experience of God's grace on this celebration day of Jesus Christ's Resurrection. If you have questions, we would certainly love to get together with you during the coming week or two and answer them. Just let us know!

Announcements

- **Student Small Group Easter Party** Join us for a night of fellowship and fun as we continue the celebration of Easter this Wednesday.
- **Canned Food Drive** University Lutheran is hosting a canned food drive for FSU's Food for Thought pantry.
- University Lutheran Awards We used to call it the "Senior Roast" but we're opening it up to the whole congregation. We're doing a series of awards this April 14th. Contact PJ to be a part of helping to plan this event.

Events

- In-Person Services University Lutheran continues in person services. Members will receive an invitation to sign up for a spot. There will be a 30-person cap on registration. Masks will be required throughout the service. Other safety measures will be in place. We will continue to celebrate holy communion in our worship services.
- **Student Small Group** Join us Wednesdays at 6:30pm for our in-person student small group.
- Bible Study and Fellowship Join us for Bible Study and just to see other members of University Lutheran at 5pm on Saturdays and 9:30am on Sundays.
- Communion Even as we begin again with in person communion services, we will continue with individual and small group communion for those who would feel more comfortable with that format. To sign up, go to http://universitylutheranfsu.youcanbook.me