

## **Easter Sunday Sunday, April 4, 2021**

*Buried throughout Lent, the "Alleluia" is resurrected as a symbol of our joy and of our Lord's victory over death. Our Alleluia banners are unveiled, and "Alleluia" returns to our verses, psalms, hymns, greetings, and conclusion.*

*Easter celebrates Christ's resurrection as a sign of our own resurrection. Christ is raised from the dead by the power of God to end the reign of death and to give a sign of life eternal to all believers. We are a resurrected people, chosen to live by hope in God's power over death. Liturgy alone cannot convey this "fact" to our lives or bring the gospel to our reality. This day can only celebrate what is the central and deepest truth of Christian faith: "**Christ is Risen.**"*

*This oldest of celebrations immediately became the pattern and type of all Christian festivals and celebrations. Sunday, the first day of the week, gradually replaced Sabbath observances as the chief worship of Christians. The Lord's Day became a Holy day, and every Sunday became a celebration of Christ's resurrection.*

### **9:30 a.m. Easter Concert**

#### **Children's Message by Pastor Zook**

##### **Acclamation**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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##### **Processional Hymn: ELW 394 "Hail Thee Festival Day"**

###### *Refrain*

Hail thee, festival day!  
Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
day when our Lord was raised,  
breaking the kingdom of death.

## *Easter*

- 1 All the fair beauty of earth  
from the death of the winter arising!  
Ev'ry good gift of the year  
now with its master returns: *Refrain*
  
- 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord,  
the author of life and creation.  
Treading the pathway of death,  
new life you give to us all: *Refrain*
  
- 5 Spirit of life and of pow'r,  
now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that enlightens us all,  
life that in all may abide: *Refrain*
  
- 6 Praise to the giver of good!  
O Lover and Author of concord,  
pour out your balm on our days;  
order our ways in your peace: *Refrain*

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

## **First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Hymn of Praise – Setting 3

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a

white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Gospel Acclamation** (Setting 5)

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

#### **ELW 365 "*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*"**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
  
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### **Apostle's Creed**

A: Let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Hear us, risen Lord.**

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church, Concordia Place and Concordia Day with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you: *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Betty, Bob, Arnie, Perry, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts.* Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son.  
Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they  
love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

**C: Amen.**

## **Anthem**

*"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven!"* by Jeremy Bankson

## **Eucharist Liturgy**

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 to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

## **Sanctus**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on this gift of bread  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Communion Distribution**

*You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.*

## **Lamb of God**

*"Ride on King Jesus" arr. by Howard Helvey*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

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

C: Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

ELW 376 *"Thine is the Glory"*

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan

to thy home above. *Refrain*

### **Blessing**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Spoken 3 times:*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*"Grand Choeur alla Handel"* by Alexandre Guillmant

### **Announcements**

- We invite you to join us for worship each week, either in-person or virtually. Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Read our safety protocols for worship and reserve your spot at [www.concordiafaith.org/worship](http://www.concordiafaith.org/worship) . All services will still be available virtually either by livestream via YouTube or recordings will be available later on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago.
- Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at [ddiehl@concordiafaith.org](mailto:ddiehl@concordiafaith.org) .
- We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:
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  2. Give online at [onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give](http://onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give)

3. Send a check via mail to the church