

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter

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Easter Sunday truly remains the high point of the church year as well as for our Christian faith. As Paul rightly put it: *“For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ perished. If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all”* (1 Corinthians 15:16-19).

No wonder, then, Christians in earlier times celebrated Easter with a sunrise service, an evening service as well as an Easter Monday service. Often, too, the various services shared the resurrection accounts as distinguished by the different gospel writers. Regardless of the emphasis or way of detailing Jesus’ resurrection by the various writers, the truth remains: *“The Holy Spirit recorded this miraculous event for our comfort and confidence that our Jesus rose triumphantly in bodily form as the God-man, our Savior. Christ is risen...He is risen indeed!*

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, THE DIVINE SERVICE *“Rite Two”* with communion.

Hymns: 350, 351, 353, 348

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 15:1-11 Moses records how the LORD rescued His people from the angry Egyptian army and certain death. This mini-deliverance certifies the LORD is able to give us greater rescue from death and damnation through our Jesus’ victory rising, which assures how He vanquished our death and gives us everlasting life.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 118. Believers rejoice in the day of the LORD’s deliverance from death and His gift of salvation (*Supplement*).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Paul proclaims the significance of the resurrection of Christ for believers in terms of the assurance it gives. Easter proclaims that we, too, shall be raised. For in the victory of Jesus Christ over death, death itself has been swallowed up on His victory.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. Alleluia. (1 Corinthians 15:22, EHV)

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 Luke offers Jesus’ resurrection account from the perspective of the angels asking/announcing to the bewildered women, *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”*

Sermon: Luke 24:1-12

Theme - “Trust In Jesus For Resurrection And Life”

Points to ponder from the day’s Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: How is the “Song of Moses” similar to “Imprecatory Psalms”? Look up the meaning of the word “imprecatory”?
- Old Testament: If one traces the Pharaoh’s reaction to the 10 Plagues, what did Pharaoh do after each plague? (See Exodus 7:11, 14; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12, 27, 30, 34-35)
- Old Testament: After Pharaoh’s continued willful and sinful refusals to repent, what did the LORD finally do in judgment to him (Exodus 10:20)? What’s the takeaway from this situation for us?
- Epistle: In this Great Resurrection chapter of Scripture, what points does Paul establish to emphasize why Jesus’ resurrection is foundational to our Christian faith and mission?
- Gospel: We believe that the Bible is God’s inerrant and inspired word. If we read the resurrection account in each of the four gospels, Matthew provides the information on how God rolled the stone away from the tomb. Unlike the other gospel writers, how does Matthew (28:2) describe God removed the stone from the entrance to Jesus’ tomb?
- Gospel: Based on verses 1, 8 and 12, how would we describe the mindset of Jesus’ followers?

Announcements:

+ Confirmation class – Monday from 3:15-5 p.m.

Holy Communion - We celebrate the Lord’s Supper because Jesus instructed us to do so, and God offers us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through it (Matthew 26:28). We believe the Bible’s teaching that receiving the Sacrament together is a way of expressing unity in our beliefs as one body (1 Corinthians 10:17). We therefore respectfully ask that guests who are not members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, refrain from communing here until becoming familiar with our beliefs and express agreement. We in no way imply that you are not a Christian or are not “good enough” for us. God’s Word teaches us to regard communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. In communion we publicly confess that we agree in all that we teach and confess on the basis of the Bible (Matthew 28:20, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 10:17). We pray that you understand and will respect this practice of Close Communion. We encourage you to seek more information about the confession that unites us and would love to meet with you if you have questions regarding Close Communion.

Exodus 15:1-11 – Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD. They said: I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song. He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise him; my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior. The LORD is his name. He has cast Pharaoh’s chariots and his army into the sea. His elite officers are

drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters covered them. They sank down to the depths like a stone. LORD, your right hand is glorious in power. LORD, your right hand has shattered the enemy. In your great majesty you overthrew those who opposed you. You sent out your burning anger. It consumed them like stubble. At the blast from your nostrils the waters piled up. The flowing waters stood up like a dam. The deep waters became solid in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, “I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the plunder. I will do whatever I want with them. I will draw my sword, and my hand will destroy them.” But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. LORD, who is like you among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in praise, working wonders? (EHV™)

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 – Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (EHV™)

Luke 24:1-12 – On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground. The men said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?” Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened. (EHV™)

A most blessed Easter to all in our risen Savior!