



HE HAS
RISEN!

Mark 16:6

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Worship Service

Sunday, April 1, 2018 10:00 a.m.

The RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

Theme of the day: Believers gather on Easter to hear the joyous news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. His resurrection assures us of our own resurrection and calls us to fix our eyes on him who is our life.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Families are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

WORDS OF ENTRANCE

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

Hymn # 157 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

♪ Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Al—le-lu-ia.
Our triumphant holy day, Al—le-lu-ia.
Who did once upon the cross, Al—le-lu-ia.
Suffer to redeem our loss, Al—le-lu-ia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al—le-lu-ia.
Unto Christ our heav’nly King, Al—le-lu-ia.
Who endured the cross and grave, Al—le-lu-ia.
Sinners to redeem and save. Al—le-lu-ia.

Please stand for last verse:

But the pains which he endured. Al—le-lu-ia.
Our salvation have procured, Al—le-lu-ia.
Now above the sky he’s King, Al—le-lu-ia.
Where the angels ever sing, Al—le-lu-ia.

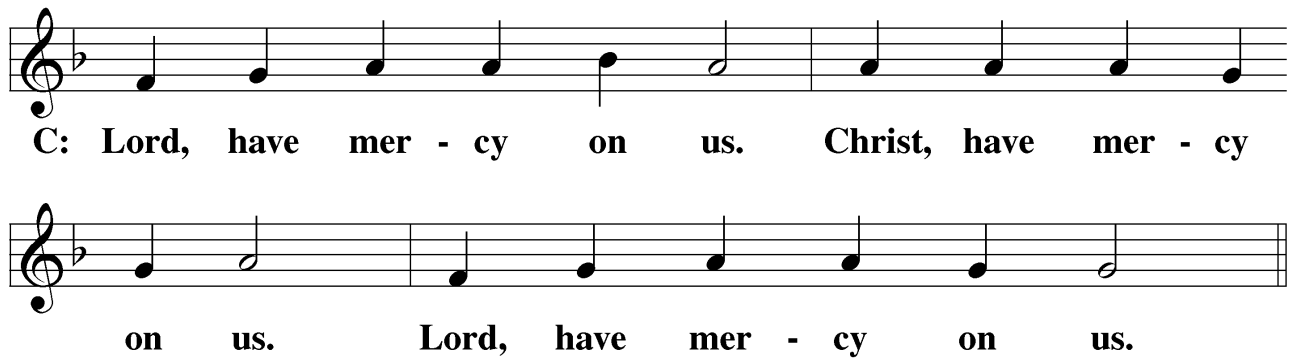
M: We pray. In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden: purify our hearts through your Holy Spirit so that we may love you as you deserve and be worthy of magnifying your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Jesus commanded us: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.” If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and purify us from all sin.

Silence to reflect on the Word of God and to examine ourselves.



M: Let us confess our sins against God and against our neighbors:

C: God of mercy, we confess that we have been enslaved by sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and action, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. By the love of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and direct us by your Holy Spirit, so that your will may be our joy and we may walk in your ways forever, to the glory of your name. Amen.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his great mercy has given us his Son. By his life and death, God cleansed us from all sin. By his resurrection we have eternal life as Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live." For this reason, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You are a dearly loved child of God. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

Hymn # 169 (verses 1,2) **"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Amen.

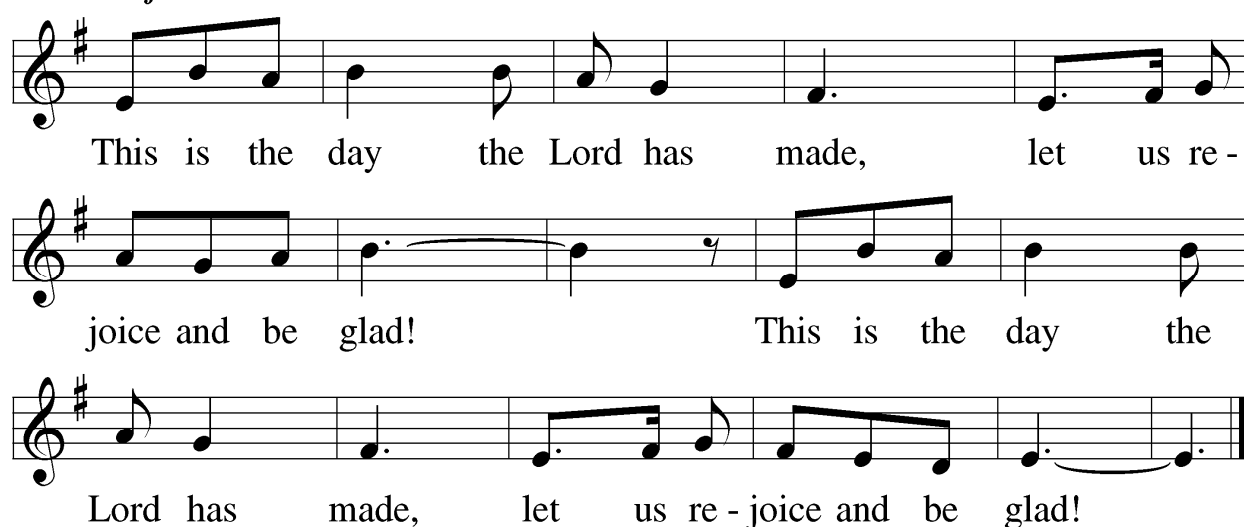
VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.

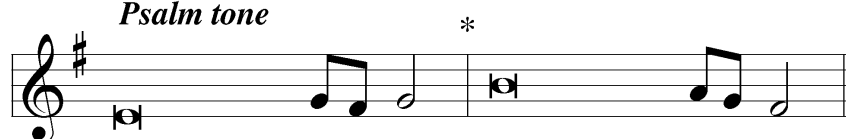


PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118

Refrain



Psalm tone



The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
you have become my salvation.**

**The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.**
- ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;**
- ⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove the disgrace of his people
from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.**
- ⁹ In that day they will say,
“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”**

Hymn # 152 (verses 1,2,7) “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

**♪ I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives my ever living Head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death,
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hymn: # 166 "The Day of Resurrection"

**♪ The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.**

MESSAGE OF THE DAY: John 20:1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

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, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully
human. 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, Who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Hymn: # 153 (vv. 1,4) “Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

**♪ Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one;
From the gloomy house of death Forth the conqueror has gone,
Bright forerunner to the skies
Of his people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours eternally;
Joined to him, your living head, Where he is, you too shall be;
You with him at his right hand
Victor over death shall stand.**

OFFERING

(The members of Star of Bethlehem have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors, you need not feel obligated to participate in this offering unless you so desire.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion, will be celebrated in today's service. The Bible teaches us that Jesus offers us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins in the Lord's Supper. The Bible also instructs us that receiving the Lord's Supper together is a public expression of our complete "oneness," or unity of faith.

Because the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in faith, we invite to the Lord's Supper only those who have expressed that unity with us through membership in our congregation or one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), or our sister church body, the ELS.

If you are a guest from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you simply refrain from participation in our celebration of the Lord's Supper today. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of declaring your agreement with our beliefs before you have had a chance to learn more.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: We lift up our hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn during distribution: #165 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

**O sons and daughters of the King,
 Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
 Today the grave has lost its sting!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On that first morning of the week,
 Before the day began to break,
 The Marys went their Lord to seek.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**An angel bade their sorrow flee,
 For thus he spoke unto the three,
 "Your Lord will go to Galilee."
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**That night th' apostles met in fear;
 Among them came their Lord most dear
 And said, "Peace be unto you here."
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**“Thomas, behold my side,” said he,
“My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God,” he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Blessèd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: We pray: Almighty and eternal God, you have given joy and peace to the entire world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for your victory over death and the grave, and for the assurance of life after death. Through baptism we have received salvation and eternal life, and, in faith, we ask you to raise us on the Last Day to live forever with Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

♪ Song: “In Christ Alone”

**In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**



Memory Garden

Today we beautify our altar with Easter lilies and flowers to symbolize the beauty, joy and victory of Christ's resurrection. For out of the seemingly dead winter earth springs the green plant of life. From this early, welcome sign of life comes the beauty of the lily shaped like a trumpet -almost as if our Lord were sounding the trumpet of his creation to say, Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia.

Eleanor Williams in memory of Charles Williams;
John and Noreen Withers in memory their parents;
Ilene Trevarrow in memory of loved ones gone before;
Morris and Alice Taubman in memory of Wayne Peach and Charles Capehart; **Laura Schulz** in memory of Otto & Frieda Schulz and of Maria LoJacono; **Doris Scheuffele** in memory of loved ones, Gary and Gus Scheuffele; **Terry and Chris Oberg** in memory of Donald & Clara Oberg and of Anne & Charles Wilkinson; **Pat and Sandy Murphy** in memory of Pat's dad and Sandy's father & mother;
Jim and Judy Moore in memory of their parents and 3 of Judy's brothers; **Karen Koeller and Kathy Jones** in memory of Kristine (our precious sister); **Karen Koeller** in memory of her uncle Russell Cummings; **Jim and Roberta Gowin** in memory of Lynnora Brown and of their parents; **the Evers family** in memory of Marvin & Evelyn Judes, Clarence & Dorothy Costa, and Orville & Nettie Evers; **Steve and Susan Degner** in memory of their parents and grandparents; **Becky and Steve Daugherty** in memory of their parents; **George Caravana** in memory of Maria Lyons and Ben Moya; **Sherman and Carolyn Brunssen** in memory of family and friends.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of the risen Christ by the Withers

EASTER BRUNCH All are invited to remain with us for the Easter Brunch after our worship service.

EASTER LILIES Please take your lilies home with you after worship. The cost per lily is \$8.75 each.

INTERNET - Our worship services may now be viewed on our church website: www.starlutheran.org

THIS WEEK

Monday Elders - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.**

LWMS SPRING RALLY: April 21st, 9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 3734 S. Centinela, L.A. (310) 397-1201 Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP/GAME NIGHTS - Beginning Wednesday, **April 11, 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for “fun and games” here at Star every third Wednesday of the month. Bring your favorite game or learn to play someone else’s favorite. Popcorn will be provided and any other snack you prefer will be happily accepted. Questions? Call Noreen and/or Carolyn.

LADIES GET-TOGETHER: Saturday, May 26. Mark your calendars now.

VBS - Seeking interested parties for helping with this major event for the end of June.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: Cookies needed for coffee time after church...

I know...



...that my Redeemer lives.

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