

Good Shepherd Community Church
April 1, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.
Resurrection of Jesus the Christ
Easter Morning Liturgy



The Lord is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

Hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in the midst of the people of Israel- Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, was taken by lawless hands, crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. God raised Him up on the third day, and showed Him openly, ...to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. Acts 2: 22-24;10:40

A Prayer in Celebration of Christ's Resurrection

Christ is alive, the conqueror of all his foes and ours.
Christ is alive, and in his hands are the keys of death and the unseen world.
Christ is alive, and in him we are born again to a new and living hope and an eternal inheritance.

We praise you, O Christ, for your resurrection victory.

We acknowledge you as our living Savior and Lord.

We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Alleluia!

Amen. (by Frank Colquhoun)

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Hail, All Hail Victorious Lord

*HAIL, all hail, victorious Lord and Savior,
You have burst the bonds of death;
Grant us, as to Mary, that great favor,
To embrace your feet in faith:
You have in our stead the curse endured,
And for us eternal life procured;
Joyful, we with one accord
Hail you as our risen Lord.*

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Covenant

Call to Worship-

*Christ Jesus has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
Let us give thanks to God, through psalms, song, prayer, confession and scripture.*

In light of the glorious victory of our Lord Jesus the Messiah over sin, death and hell on behalf of his people we are bold to confess our Christian faith!

All

We believe in the One only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created all things by Jesus Christ, and was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. We believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world; who has rescued us from the power of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son; who has blessed us in Christ with all spiritual blessings; who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints, having predestined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace.

This we truly believe.

Leader

We thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and self-assured, and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. Father, glorify your name.

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our repasses,***

*as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Hymn- **Welcome, Happy Morning**

Fortunatus

Welcome, happy morning!
age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished,
heaven is won today:
come then, True and Faithful,
now fulfil your word;
this is your third morning:
rise, O buried Lord!

[Refrain:]
*Welcome, happy morning!
age to age shall say,
hell today is vanquished,
heaven is won today!*

2 Earth with joy welcomes,
clothes itself for spring;
greet with life reviving
our returning king:
flowers in every pasture,
leaves on every bough;
speak of sorrows ended,
Jesus triumphs now! [Refrain]

3 Author and sustainer,
source of life and breath;
you for our salvation
trod the path of death:
Jesus Christ is living,
God for evermore!,
Now let all creation
hail him and adore. [Refrain]

4 Loose our souls imprisoned,
bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen,
raise to life again!
Show your face in brightness,

shine the whole world through;
hope returns with daybreak,
life returns with you. [Refrain]

All

We believe in the only Son of God, by whom all things in heaven and on earth were created. We believe that he became flesh and lived among us, taking the form of a servant. Since we are flesh and blood, he himself became a human being. By the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, he was conceived of the Virgin Mary. He was born of a woman; and, being found in human form, was in every respect tempted as we are, yet without sin. For he is the Lord, the messenger of the covenant, in whom we delight. The Spirit of the Lord sent Jesus to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor. He spoke of what he knew and testified to what he had seen. To all who receive him, who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture Text Acts 10:34-43

Sermon-“God Raised Him Up” by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Prayer

Hymn- “Believing Souls Rejoice and Sing”

Believing Souls, Rejoice and Sing

Believing souls, rejoice and sing,
Your risen Savior see,
And say, O death, where is your sting!
O grave, your victory?
Rejoice, your conquering Savior lives,
He lives to die no more;
And life eternal freely gives,
Since He our sorrows bore.

Sing praises to our risen Lord;
Life, immortality,
And lasting bliss are now restored
For all, for you and me;
Believe the wondrous deed, my soul,
Adore His saving name;
Rejoice, you saints, from pole to pole,
His love and power proclaim.

The Prince of glory bowed His head,
Expiring on the cross;
But now the Lord is risen indeed,
Is risen and lives for us;

Rejoice, and in the dust adore
The Lamb for sinners slain;
He lives now and evermore,
For evermore to reign.
CMD Saint Matthew

We Continue our Confession

We believe after forty days of showing infallible proofs of his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in the same way as he was seen going into heaven. The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of God's trumpet. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

This we truly believe

All

This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and condemned human creature, from sin, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and dying. Christ has done this so that I may be his own, live in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and happiness, since he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns forever and ever.

Leader

Lord Jesus Christ, who came at the first in great humility as our Redeemer, grant, we pray, that when you come again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be received by you in joy!

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Hymn- Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heav'n and Voices Raise

Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life, and life immortal,
on the holy Easter morn.

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
by His mighty enterprise;
we with Him to life eternal
by His resurrection rise.

3 Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at His second coming yield.
Then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before Him wave,
ripened by His glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

4 Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
rain, and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of Thy face,
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with Thee.

5 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia! to the Savior
who has gained the victory!
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
to the Triune Majesty.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, who comes from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, to be with us forever; to comfort us as a mother comforts her children; to help us in our weakness and intercede for us with sighs too deep for words; to bear witness with our spirit that we are children of God and teach us to cry, "Abba Father"; to pour God's love into our hearts and make our bodies God's holy temple; and to work in us the will of God, allotting gifts to each one individually, just as the Spirit chooses.

We believe that by our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but that the Holy Spirit calls us through the gospel, enlightens us with gifts of grace, dedicates us to God, and preserves us in the true faith, just as the Spirit calls, gathers,

enlightens, and dedicates to God the whole church on earth, which he keeps with Jesus Christ in the only true faith. In this Christian church God daily and completely forgives us and every believer all our sin.

This we truly believe.

Leader

Spirit of truth, direct our hearts to the love of God and to patient waiting for Christ. Establish us in the true faith, that we may abound in thanksgiving; and keep us as God's own until the day of redemption. To you be glory, with the Father, and with the Son. **Amen.**

Leader

We believe that by holy baptism we are embodied as members of the church of Christ, which he has loved, and for which he gave himself, in order to make it holy, cleansing it by water and the word.

In this communication of saints, we believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died for us, and shed his blood on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, and who has given us his body and blood in the Lord's Supper, as a pledge of grace. As the Scripture says, Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

This we truly believe.

Hymn- Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand he stands
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud sons of alleluia!
Alleluia!

It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly says
That death is swallowed up by death,

Its sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree
So strong his love to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes over,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia!

So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended.
Alleluia!

Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia!

Lord's Supper Served

Thanksgiving Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

Our hearts are glad, our tongues rejoice, and we live now in hope –
for you have made known to us the way of life

in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (Acts 2:14a, 22-32)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices

with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Breaking of Bread and Sharing

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Pouring of Cup and Sharing

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

Communion Hymn –“Now Lives the Lamb of God”

Now lives the Lamb of God,
our Passover, the Christ,
who once with nails and wood
for us was sacrificed:

*Come, keep the feast,
the anthem sing
that Christ indeed
is Lord and King!*

2. Now risen from the dead,
Christ never dies again;

in us, with Christ as head,
sin nevermore shall reign:

3. In Adam all men die,
forlorn and unforgiven;
in Christ all come alive,
the second Man from heaven.

4. Give praise to God alone
who life from death can bring;
whose mighty power can turn
the winter into spring:

Confession and Doxology

We shall never taste eternal death, but shall attain the resurrection of the dead; for this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. Thus our bodies rest in hope. And the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, will also give life to our mortal bodies if the Spirit of God has dwelt in us.

We poor sinners pray: hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with those of our brothers and sisters who, since last Resurrection Festival Day, have entered into the joy of their Lord, and with the whole Church Triumphant in heaven, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Glory be to Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life. He was dead, and behold he is alive forever and ever. Those who believe in him, even though they die, yet shall they live. Glory be to Christ Jesus, in the church which waits for him on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, from everlasting to everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn- The Strife Is O'er

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia !

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions has dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst, Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of Hell;
The bars from Heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

Amen. ■

Today's Easter Morning Service is based on the Easter Sunrise Service of Moravian church. It consists of Scripture readings interspersed faith affirmations from Luther's Small Catechism and hymns. The whole service is in the form of an extended confession of faith in God as revealed in Jesus the Christ. Sermon and the holy Supper has been joined to it.