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Easter Sunday

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
“Forward in Faith and Mission”

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

10 a.m.

April 12, 2020

THE PRELUDE *“The Trumpet Shall Sound”* (The Messiah) G.F.Handel
Brass and Organ

“The trumpet shall sound, the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. For the corruptible must clothe itself with the incorruption, and the mortal put on immortality.” (1Cor.15:52b-53)

WELCOME, EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING SENTENCES

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The stone has been rolled away. He has conquered death by the cross.

C: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; and his steadfast love endures forever! This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE OPENING HYMN *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* #457 st. 1-3

- 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!

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
P: Brothers and sisters in Christ. On this Easter Day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, promised from the fall of Adam and Eve, a descendant of King David, and born of a virgin in Bethlehem. He had many followers, but also many enemies, the Jewish leaders of the church, who felt threatened by His words and actions. He was arrested and crucified between two thieves, buried and three days later arose from the dead, just as He had said. Today “we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength. (1 Cor.1:23-25) To this God we reach out today for His forgiveness.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Together let us confess our sins in the presence of Almighty God and one another.

(A pause for silence and reflection)

C: We admit before You, O God, that behind our glad alleluias there are hidden tears. Our sin and guilt are always before us. We are wounded in deep places by old things we cannot forget, by new things we cannot change, by fears we cannot voice, by burdens we continue to carry. We pride ourselves in our own wisdom and accomplishments, trying to achieve happiness that only comes from You. We seek Your forgiveness, healing and comfort, for Jesus’ sake who shed His blood on the cross for the sins of the world.

P: “Thus it is written that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in His name.” That word is now proclaimed to you. Jesus carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full. He has won the victory over death for us! He is your living, personal, and sure Redeemer. Hardened hearts are crushed! Stone walls of sin have been rolled away. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#525 st. 1 & 4

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gates of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

(Peter's account of Jesus' ministry, crucifixion and resurrection.)

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God

anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

(The living Christ has given new life to the believers.)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

THE CELTIC ALLELUIA

Refrain *Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!*

Now he is living, the Christ.

Out of the tomb he is risen;

he has conquered death,

opened heaven to all believers. Refrain

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

(The resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you

to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

THE ANTHEM *“In Christ Alone”* K. Getty, S. Townsend Soloist

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY Rev. Kevin Barron

✠ THE NICENE CREEED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets; and I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SONG OF CELEBRATION *“My Spirit be Joyful”* J.S. Bach
Brass and Organ

✠ THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS FOR OFFERINGS

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

† THE BLESSING

P: "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 you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ,; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13: 20-21)

THE DISMISSAL

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* #461 st. 1, 2, 7

- 1 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.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.
- 7 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.

THE POSTLUDE*“Thaxted – O God Beyond All Praising”*G. Holst
Brass and Organ**TODAY’S SERVANTS**

Proclaimer: Rev. Kevin Barron
Organist: Barbara Sommer
Cantor and Soloist: Bridget Jones
Brass Players: Rob McIver – Trumpet
Dave Whitmon – Trumpet
Gerald Apugo – Trombone
Alex Luis – Trombone
IT Assistants: Jim McWilliams and Bridget Jones

Easter Blessings

****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, April 12, 2020****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST! WELCOME A BLESSED EASTER!

Prayers for comfort: the family of Floramae Mann on her passing. Prayers for healing: Gretel Kraemer, Amanda Richter, Walter Eline and Bev Brown, Bill Romberger (father of Cara Lucas), Tessa Willen (Segal family member), Mary Richter (Amanda's sister-in-law), Linda Watts (Bryan Mackey's mother-in-law), Debbie Middendorf (Heather Mackey's cousin), Deborah Bell (Cheryl Reek's sister), Al Booth (father of Garrett Booth), Joan Colliflower, Alison Baptiste, Kevin Burns, Pastor Bob Kretzschmar, Helen Abrecht (Betty Hucke's sister), Rachel Negley, Paul Schildwachter, Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughter), Dale & Chris Amendt, Carolyn Underwood, Frances Dunker, Jean Plitt, Drew Wallace (Olive Abt's cousin), Thelma Lucas (Ameous Lucas' mother), Ed Seufert, Alasaro Lucas, and prayers for all the victims of severe weather, and families of gun violence and senseless acts of terror in our world. We also pray for members and relatives of Calvary Lutheran Church whose families are serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders. Call the office for prayer requests, where they will remain for four weeks.

If pastoral assistance is needed, please email Pastor Kevin @ pastorkbarron@gmail.com.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED

Many people are struggling during this extended period of isolation: those whose only out is a trip to the food store or pharmacy; those whose living space is a small room or apartment; those who are working from home or not at all; those who care for children and worry about their losing ground on their education. We pray for them and especially those who are gravely ill from the virus, the overextended medical professionals, those who live with domestic abuse, and those with the extra burden of stress on mental and physical health. Jesus said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

ALL BIBLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The Fellowship Board would like to invite those willing to work on special events, soup suppers, and coffee hours to be part of the Board. Please speak with Carol Chapman if you have questions.

The Shredding event that was scheduled for Saturday, April 25th will be RESCHEDULED.

Grace Place is closed for regular classes for the duration of the COVID 19 virus problem. Plans for *Grief Share* are postponed until further notice.

Calvary's Biennial Coat Drive! What does that even mean?? Calvary holds a Coat Drive & Giveaway every two years (on even years) by gathering and collecting coats, hats, gloves, etc., anything which could a man, woman or child could use to keep warm during the winter. Since its 2020, it's now again time! The event will be held in the early Fall, date TBD, but we wanted to get ahead of the curve for those folks who are doing Spring cleaning and clearing out their closets - please consider saving your coats and jackets for a time (hopefully, very soon) when you can once again bring them to church for collection. We're also looking for ladies purses, blankets, sweaters, etc. Items can be gently worn, but should be clean and in good condition. See Sunnie Bell or Bridget Jones for more information.

Happy Easter