



April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday



Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

**Prelude:** *Jesus Shall Reign* (arr. Sandra Eithun) [Elim Handbell Choir – 9:30 service]

**Welcome**

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Hymn:** *ELW 365 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today (verses 1 & 4)*

**Greeting**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

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

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Special Music:** *This Joyful Eastertide* (arr. Arthur Somerveil) [Maren Beckman – 9:30 service]

**Gospel:** Mark 16:1-8

**Gospel Acclamation:** *ELW 172 – Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

**Message**

**Hymn:** *ELW 364 – Christ Has Risen (verse 1 w/refrain)*

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
**We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## Prayers of the People

### Offering

### Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Communion - Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

### Table Blessing/Prayer

### Ministry News

### Blessing

**Hymn:** *ELW 385 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (verses 1 & 4)*

### Sending

### Postlude

<b>Worship Participants</b>		
Preaching Today: Lamont Koerner	Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss	Elim Handbell Choir: Martha
Assisting Minister: Meredith McGrath	Liturgy Assistant: Lynne Moratzka	Charpentier, Jan Isaacson, Sylvia Mills,
	Hymn Leaders: Sylvia Mills;	Stephanie Pereboom, Tammy
	Maren Beckman	Peterson, Tracey Thomas, Janet
		Beckman-accompanist, Joan Detzler- director

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](http://BibleGateway.com). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]