

# The Resurrection of Our Lord

*Easter Pascha*

1 April 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24: 5b-6b*)



*He is risen! Alle- / luia! \**

*Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- / luia!*

Remember how he told you, Alle- / luia, \*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- / luia!

*O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in / all the earth! \**

*You have set your glory above the / heavens.*

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly / beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and / honor.

*You have given him dominion over the works / of your hands; \**  
*you have put all things under / his feet.*

O / LORD, our Lord, \*

how majestic is your name in / all the earth!

*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son \**

*and to the Holy / Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- / ginning, \**

*is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

*He is risen! Alle- / luia! \**

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Remember how he told you, Alle- / luia, \*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- / luia!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate 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.*

GRADUAL (*Ps. 118:24, 1*)

This is the day that the / LORD has made; \*

let us rejoice and be / glad in it.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good; \*

for his steadfast love endures for- / ever!

## Old Testament:

Job 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup>"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!"

## Epistle:

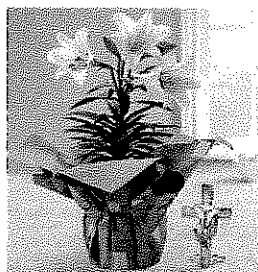
1 Corinthians 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## Holy Gospel:

Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



## SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER

In Memory Of:

Given By:

Loved Ones .....Ethel Shukei, Darrel & Lois Bullard  
Cal Callan .....Jan Callan  
Grandparents, Francis Fullerton,  
Edward Rhinehart, Bernadine Rhinehart.....Andrea Fullerton  
Clark Hansel.....Carol Hansel & Allen Glathar  
Ernest Gnagy.....Grace Gnagy & Family  
Loved Ones.....Mike & Diane Gundlach  
Our Parents.....Edd & Ronda Johnson  
Jan & Jack Keogh and Jane & Bill Luby.....Scott & Mary Keogh  
Parents, Albert & Fern Schmidt.....Marian Kerr  
Leslie & Thomas Krueger.....Betty Krueger  
Gary Melvin.....Lee & Vi Melvin

In Honor of:

Given By:

Friends and Family.....Roger & Jeanne Buck  
Grandson Clayton Botsch, Confirmation.....Jon & Dianne Botsch  
Members of Peace .....Mike & Diane Gundlach  
Grandchildren .....Edd & Ronda Johnson  
Great-Grandchildren.....Glen & Kay Krueger  
Donald Merkel.....Donna Merkel  
Son, Don and Daughter, Nancy.....Beverly Saathoff



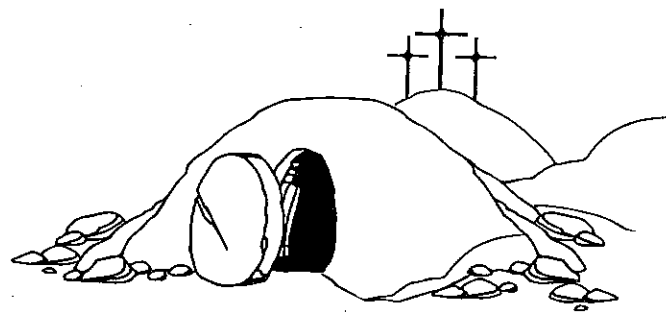
- An empty tomb could simply mean the body was stolen. Eyewitness accounts of Jesus could simply mean delusion, or hysteria. However, together, the eyewitness accounts of the empty tomb from believers and unbelievers *along with the multiple eyewitness accounts of personal encounters with Jesus* testify to the historical accuracy of Jesus' resurrection. Furthermore, virtually all the apostles and early Christian leaders died because they testified to Jesus' physical resurrection. It is hard to believe that torture, suffering, and self-sacrifice were endured if this were a hoax.

<sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- It is remarkable that the Gospel states that the first eyewitnesses to the resurrection were women. Their social status meant that their testimony was inadmissible in court. If this account was merely a fabrication, it would be more likely that Mark would have had the first eyewitnesses be men. There was no possible advantage to recount that the first eye witnesses were women. This is a strong argument for the historicity of this account.



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## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

# EASTER

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Roberto E. Rojas, Jr.

### Collect of the Day:

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate 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.

### Introit:

Psalm 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b — *He is risen, Alleluia!*

### Psalm:

Psalm 118:15-29 (antiphon: v. 1) — *The right hand of the LORD*

### Old Testament Reading:

Job 19:23-27 — *I know that my Redeemer lives*

### Gradual:

Psalm 118:24, 1 — *This is the day that the LORD has made*

### Epistle:

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 — *Cleanse out the old leaven*

### Verse:

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c — *Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed*

## Mark 16:1-8 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the words of this Gospel to be written by John Mark around AD 50-60. This text is the historical account of the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

- “Sabbath was past” — This means sundown on Saturday since the days were counted from evening to morning (see Genesis 1:5). They went on first day of the week which is Sunday, which is also called the eighth day. This day is significant for believers. See Leviticus 12:2-3, 22:27; Numbers 6:9-10; Ezekiel 43:26-27; Matthew 28:1; Acts 20:7.
- Mary Magdalene (from the village of Magdala), Mary the mother of James, and Salome all watched the crucifixion from a distance (Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40). Their intention was to anoint Jesus’ dead body by wrapping around these ointments in strips of cloth before his entombment.

<sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

- “[...]Just as Christ came to His disciples *clausa ianua* (through closed doors), so He also arose *clauso sepulchro* (through closed tomb). The only purpose of rolling the stone from the door of the sepulcher was, according to Scripture, to exhibit the empty tomb to the women and to convince them by this very fact that Christ had truly risen. Quenstedt writes of this:....‘This we prove as follows: If Christ rose before the coming of the angel, He rose while the sepulcher was still closed and the stone was sealed. The angel, however, rolled the stone from the door of the sepulcher only after his coming, Matt. 28:2. Since the first is true (Matt. 28:6), also the latter must be true.’” (Franz Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics: Volume II*, 322).

<sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

- Angels typically appear in the form of young adult males wearing white robes (see Matthew 28:3).
- The appearance of an angel causes terror and alarm in mortal sinners (e.g., Luke 2:9).

<sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

- Jesus laid down His life, and took it up again (see John 10:17-18). This convincingly proves the deity of Jesus (John 5:17-19; Colossians 2:9). See also Romans 4:24.
- He was resurrected physically in His body, not simply spiritually as some false teachers would claim. If His resurrection was simply spiritual, then the meaning of his death and “resurrection” is subjective for one’s personal spirituality. However, His resurrection was physical; it is an objective truth. Jesus’ physical death proves that, “We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son” (Romans 5:10). Jesus’ physical resurrection proves that “[He] was raised again for our justification” (Romans 4:25). Reconciliation with God is an accomplished fact. His resurrection is the actual absolution for the whole world of sinners. This is referred to as Objective Justification.
- It is on the truth of Objective Justification that Subjective Justification rests. In other words, the object of justifying and saving faith is that Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 4:24; Romans 10:9); it is what faith believes.
- See 1 Corinthians 15:17. “If Christ is arisen, then we are not in our sins. Consequently, he again states in Rom. 8:33—Who can accuse God’s chosen ones? Here is Christ, who did die, yes much more, who is also awakened, as if he wanted to say: The true believers cannot be damned on account of their debt of sin—it has been adequately demonstrated by the resurrection of Christ that God the lord has been paid a complete settlement [of debt].” (Johann Gerhard, *Postilla: Volume 1*, 310)

<sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

- “His disciples and Peter”—Peter was indeed a disciple of Jesus. Many pericopes in Mark give Peter special attention. The reason could be that Mark is writing for Peter (see 2 Peter 1:15). This means it could be referring to Peter’s position of prominence amongst the disciples, as is testified by the book of Acts. And, even more, it could be that Peter receives special attention because he denied Jesus. The angel’s special emphasis on Peter could be that Jesus wanted to see him in particular to forgive him for his sin (*The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XXI (IX): The Invocation of Saints*, paragraph 36).
- Galilee — This is the home of Jesus’ and His disciples. The disciples are reminded of Jesus’ promise in 14:28, and it will be fulfilled. Furthermore, this was said right before Jesus predicted Peter’s denial.

## News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

**FFAMILY NIGHT** will take a break during Holy Week and resume on April 4th, concluding on April 25th. Come join us for an end of the year PICNIC at 6pm on May 2nd!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 4/01 Max Meier  
4/02 Sharon Witt 4/03 Leland Mitchell 4/05 Tucker Kehoe 4/07 Don Baker

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 4/01 Tonda Wolfe  
4/05 Leland Mitchell

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 4/04 Rodney & June Rose

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER** available in the Narthex April 1st-May 19, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**MENS' STEAK NIGHT-** Monday, April 9th 6:00pm  
Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

**VOTERS' MEETING** 9:15am Sunday, April 22nd

**LIFEQUOTE** "Jesus has really, truly, physically been raised from the dead! And God stakes His entire reputation on these historical Easter facts! Luke was no liar, the women were not delusional, and the angels are no myth. God proclaims His Easter truth to us so that we may know and believe that in Jesus all our sin is forgiven, death has gone to die, the devil has been defeated, and life lasts forever!" *Pastor Jonathan Kruschel, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

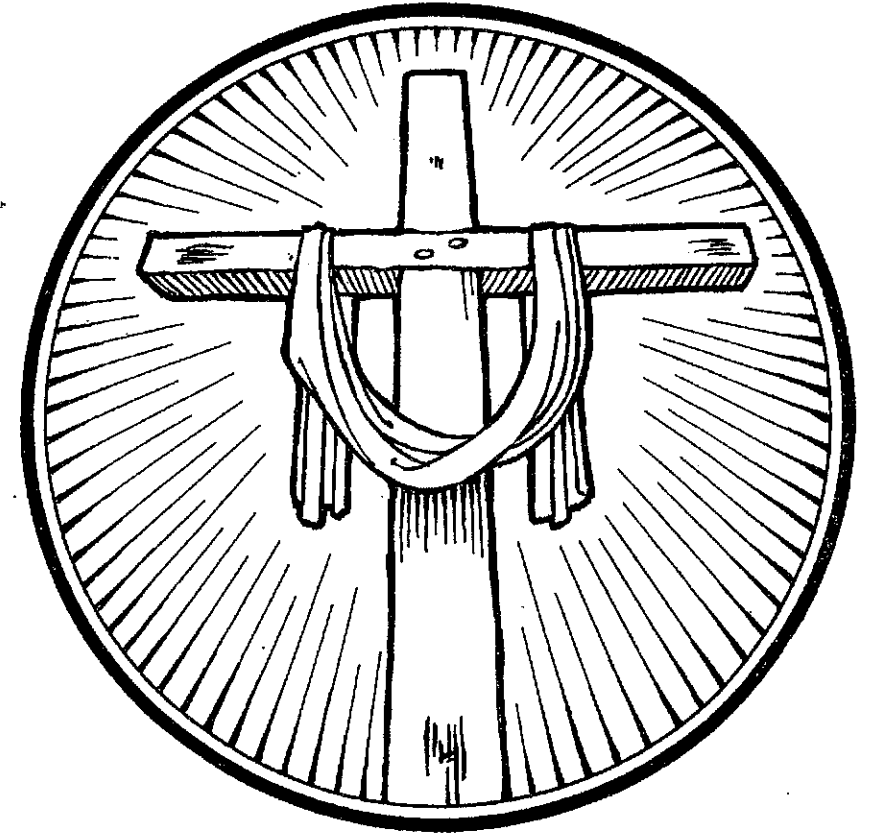
**TALK RADIO FOR THE EASTER SEASON...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: The Easter Hymn "He's Risen! He's Risen!," The Resurrection According to John's Gospel, Jesus on the Road to Emmaus, The Resurrection in Isaiah and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

### LCMS STEWARDSHIP Easter

John 20:1 - "Now on the first day of the week ..." All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him - a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord's grace.

Easter Sunday  
*The Resurrection of Our Lord*

April 1st  
7:30am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift.** . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

**All Guests** must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Barbara Thurin + Family of Paul Ohlsen Expecting + Erin Erb Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Phyllis Heath + Ron Davis + Janice Callan + Tonda Wolfe + Carol Metzger + Mark Dicken + Bill Novak + Mary Black + Alan Fredricks + Jan Utecht + Carey Sramek + LeRoy Thom Health Issues + Carol Smith + June Rose + Jeannette Barker + Randy Russell + Olivia + Jace Moore + Thomas Gatz + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Jo Metzger Cancer + Andy Jacques + Taylor Cochrane + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay  
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
Acolytes: 4/01 7:30am Violet Nunnenkamp 10:30am Allie Janssen  
Crucifers: James Ellis Hunter Fowler  
4/08 8:00am Merrick Russell 10:30am Annalicia Potter  
Crucifers: Micah Mackay Rylie McAleese  
Altar Guild: Apr. Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe May Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka  
Ushers: 4/01 7:30am Tucker Kehoc 10:30am Shannon, Collin, Hunter Fowler  
Elders: 4/01 7:30a Roger B. 10:30a Dale G. 4/08 Don N. 402-460-6430  
Bus Drivers: 4/01 Harold H. 402-984-9666 4/08 Mike N. 402-469-4838

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	273	<u>Weekly Year to Date Attendance</u>	179
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,533.46	<u>Jan-Feb Income</u>	\$ 54,309.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Feb Expense</u>	\$ 42,839.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Feb Income</u>	\$ 18,254.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 216,336.11

The Lord's Week

TODAY Sunday, April 1st	7:30am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Divine Service
	9:00am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30am	Easter Sunday Divine Service
Monday, April 2nd		Easter Holiday — Office Closed
Wednesday, April 4th	5:30pm	Family Night-Meal
	6:00pm	Classes & Choir, Kitchen Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Worship
	7:30pm	Senior Youth
Sunday, April 8th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com

Our Journey is Complete

Our theme for this Lenten Season has been, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Every journey is unique in its starting and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Today, Easter Day, our journey is complete. From the Mount of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits. But now we have arrived at the end of our journey, the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, the tomb is not the destination. The tomb is empty; it is not and never will be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended; and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home, where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



DIVINE SERVICE  
Setting One

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Epistle Reading	
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