

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 28:1-10

"GREAT JOY"

This feast of feasts let us receive with great joy in Christ who has conquered sin, death and devil that we may be with Him forever.

EASTER SUNDAY

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

**Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*
***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 96:1-2, 8-9, 11-13

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

P: I shall not die, but live,

C: and declare the words of the Lord.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare,**

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live,**
and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**
and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has | this been done;**
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

GLORIA PATRI

(sung together)

Glory 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

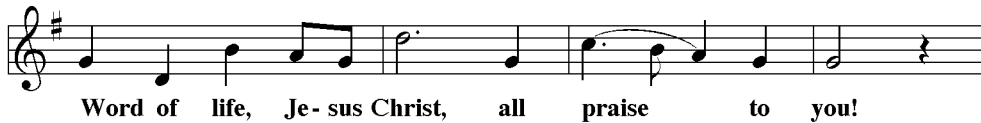
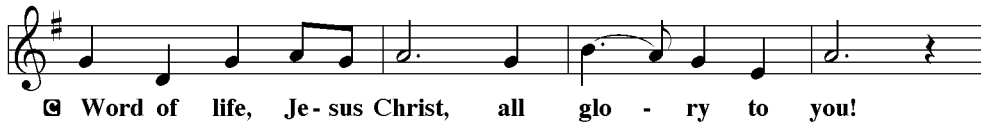
¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Response after the announcement:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and

tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Great Joy”

Great Fear

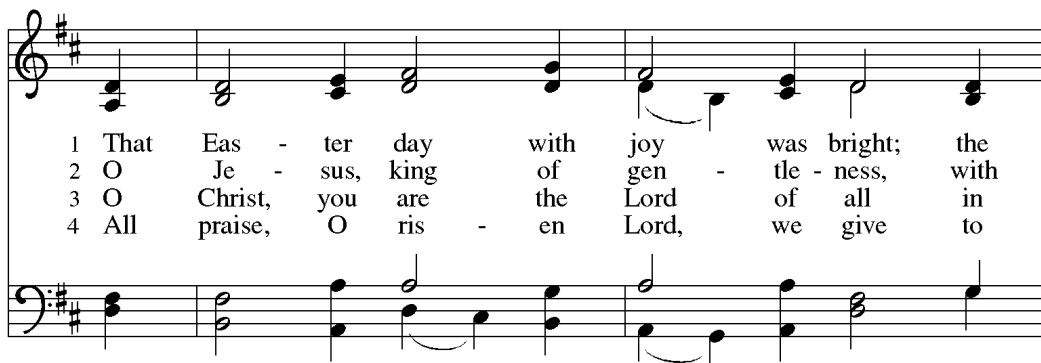
Great Joy

Go and Tell

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I do not go and tell. I lose focus and fail to see the risen Jesus but lose myself in vanities that don’t really matter.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The LORD is good. Jesus is risen and the I AM is manifest to save us and all who will trust Him. His Life will transform our lives now and forever.

On Discipleship: Rejoice and celebrate in Christ this day and everyday. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

AM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

AM: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders (*especially*). Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

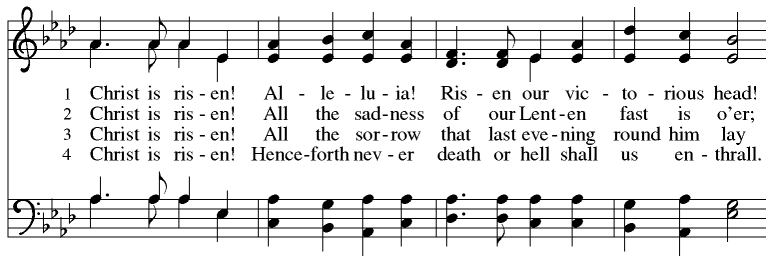
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

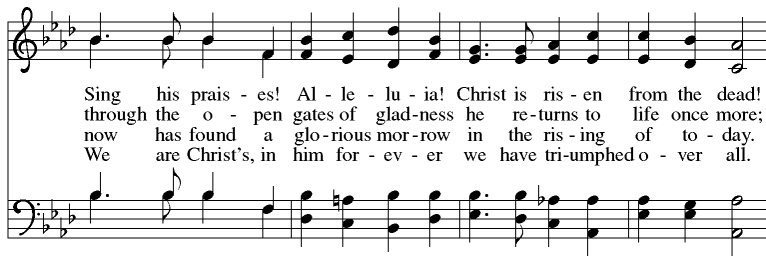
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***THE BLESSING**

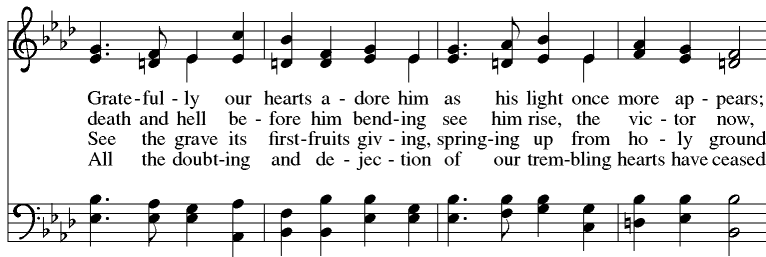
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1 Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-rious head!
 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en-thrall.



Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 through the o-pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris-ing of to-day.
 We are Christ's, in him for-ev-er we have tri-umphed o-ver all.



Grate-ful-ly our hearts a-dore him as his light once more ap-pears;
 death and hell be-fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic-tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv-ing, spring-ing up from ho-ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de-jec-tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

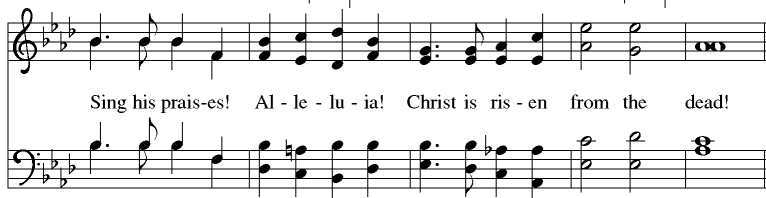


bow-ing down in joy be-fore him, ris-ing up from griefs and tears.
 an-gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo-ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv-ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res-ur-rec-tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!

***THE DISMISSAL - LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PARISH NEWS

EVENING PRAYERS: A Simple Form of Evening Prayer will be offered on-line into the fifty days of the Easter season on Wednesdays at 7PM. In contrast to the full Evening Prayer liturgy with canticles such as *Joyous Light of Glory* and the *Magnificat*, this simple form will focus on the recitation of God's Word for our lives, songs of praise, and a simple lesson from 1 Peter. A copy of the simple form of Morning Prayer, Noon Prayer, and Evening Prayer will be sent out by email or mailed upon request, and a bulletin will be posted for all who choose to prayer together week by week.

WORSHIP SERVICES: As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services on Facebook Live at Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia, NC on Wednesdays at 7PM and Sunday at 10:30AM. The daily lessons are at *Our Daily Bread* (odb.org/subscribe) and the Sunday lessons from the Revised Common Lectionary are at dailyLectio.net. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at stephenclaws@gmail.com to sign up. Also, Sunday School books with the weekly Bible study may be picked up at the church office or mailed to you upon request.

YOUTH: Roots will NOT be meeting this evening. Happy Easter!

FACE MASKS: Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. When you go out to places that you can expect a crowd such as at grocery stores, doctor offices, (hopefully one day soon church and Sunday School!), you may want to wear this mask to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

TITHES & OFFERINGS: Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing

offering envelopes to mail (or a regular envelope) or giving on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner “give” which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

CAM FOOD DRIVE: *UPDATE - Thanks be to God for the generous response to help Crisis Assistance Ministries. As of April 7, the Social Ministry team reported that 70 bags of groceries have been given and taken to CAM. As the Lord leads you, keep giving as you can throughout the month of April.*

The CAM box has been placed under the drive through outside the office. If you are able, please continue to place non-perishable items in this box and it will be checked every couple days and delivered to Crisis Assistance Ministry. Some items in need are – pancake mix and syrup, cereal, canned fruits, meat, soup and vegetables (no green beans or corn), spaghetti and sauce, grits, oatmeal, rice, crackers and personal care items. We realize that shopping can be complicated at this time, however, if you are able to pick up (or order if you are having your groceries delivered) a few extra items to place in our donation box, it would be greatly appreciated as CAM struggles to meet the needs of those who do not have the money to grocery shop. Thank you so much!

CARE LINE & PRAYER CONCERNS: An effort to gather a group of volunteers for a “love and caring” phone tree to check in with our church family while we practice social distancing is underway. Please contact Debbie Laws, Katherine Sanders, or the church office if you are interested in serving as a caller. Finally, if there are any urgent prayer needs or concerns during this time, please call or text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439.



DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry Angstadt, Ruth Benoy, **Baby Ellis Brown**, Andy Clapham, Josh Dockery, Amelia Edwards, **Jamison Franklin**, Travis Hogue, **Mary Jackson**, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, **Bill McCullen**, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, **Mary Ann Sheridan**, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, **AC & Julie Woodring**, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 16: APRIL 12, 2020 to APRIL 19, 2020

04/12 Morning Reading: Luke 11:29-54—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 19, 20, 21

04/13 Morning Reading: Luke 12:1-31—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 22, 23, 24

04/14 Morning Reading: Luke 12:32-59—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 25, 26

04/15 Morning Reading: Luke 13:1-22—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 27, 28, 29

04/16 Morning Reading: Luke 13:23-35—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 30, 31

04/17 Morning Reading: Luke 14:1-24—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 1, 2

04/18 Morning Reading: Luke 14:25-35—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 3, 4, 5

04/12 Morning Reading: Luke 15:1-10—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 6, 7, 8

Song Of Praise

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW #365

Next Sunday, APRIL 19, 2020 ~ Holy Humor Sunday

10:30 Service of the Word: John 20:19-31 ~ “*Do Not Doubt but Believe*”

Note: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

Sun-12	9:30 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Easter Sunday Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live
Wed-15	7:00 pm	Simple Evening Prayer ~ Streamed on Facebook Live

