LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 MACCABEES 3:16-26 AND MARK 16:1-8

"THE EMPTY TOMB"

The tomb is empty. A message of resurrection is made known. What do you believe? What will you say?

> EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021

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BOLD indicates congregational responses.

GATHER

WELCOME

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PRELUDE

"Joy in the Morning" 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Joy, there'll be joy, There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, There'll be joy, there'll be joy, There'll be joy in the morning. There'll be joy on that day, There'll be joy, there'll be joy on that day, With the light of dawn, the dark is gone, There'll be joy, joy, joy.

There'll be peace, there'll be peace evermore, There'll be peace evermore, Ev'ry heart and voice will then rejoice, There'll be peace, peace, evermore,

And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, will shine, And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine,

There'll be love, there'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, There'll be love ev'rywhere, And the way of the Lord will that day be restored, There'll be love, sweet love ev'rywhere.

There'll be joy, there'll be joy, there'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, There'll be joy in the morning, there'll be joy on that day, With the bright dawn, night gone,

CHANCEL CHOIR

Natalie Sleeth © 1977 Hope Publishing Co. There'll be joy, joy! There'll be peace and contentment evermore, evermore, There'll be peace and contentment evermore, Ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice will together rejoice, There'll be peace, peace, peace.

And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, will shine, And the glory, glory, glory, of the Lord will bring the truth divine, There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, There'll be love, there'll be love ev'rywhere, And the way of the Lord will be restored, There'll be love and forgiveness, There'll be peace and contentment, There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

Exodus 20:1-17

1 John 1:8-9

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband). THE GREAT COMMANDMENT Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

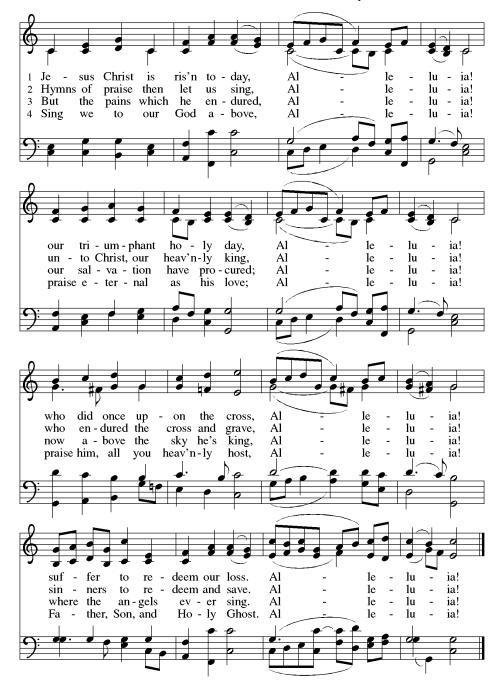
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

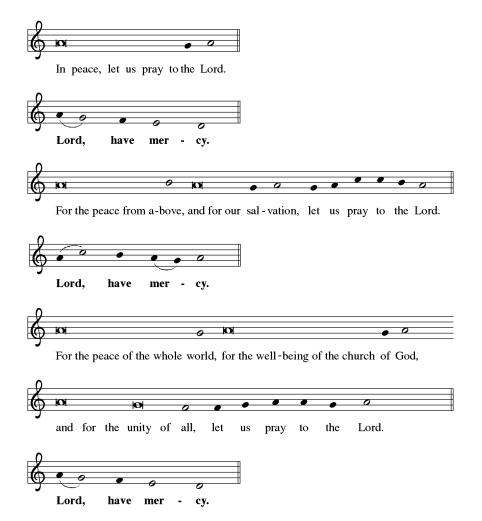
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

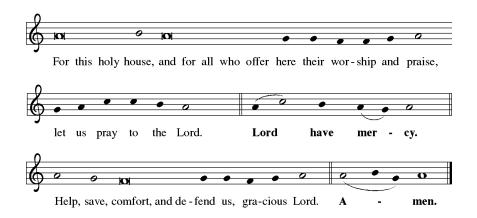
C: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

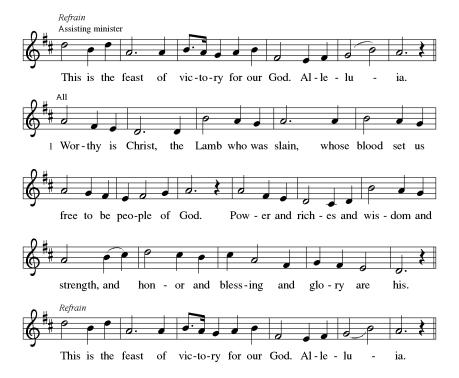


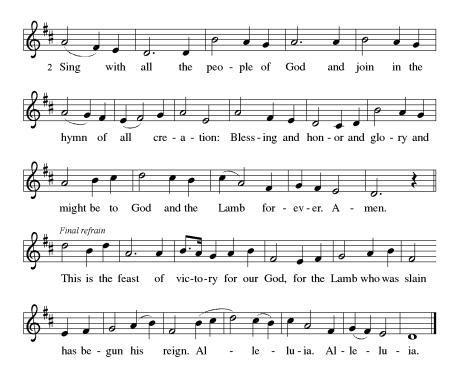
2 Corinthians 13:13



THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9





PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

Alexander the Great conquers the world. What happens to the faithful in Israel? Consider the story of the Maccabees and what it means to be a faithful minority.

¹⁶When he approached the ascent of Beth-horon, Judas went out to meet him with a small company. ¹⁷But when they saw the army coming to meet them, they said to Judas, "How can we, few as we are, fight against so great and so strong a multitude? And we are faint, for we have eaten nothing today." ¹⁸Judas replied, "It is easy for many to be

1 MACCABEES 3:16-26

hemmed in by few, for in the sight of Heaven there is no difference between saving by many or by few. ¹⁹It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but strength comes from Heaven. ²⁰They come against us in great insolence and lawlessness to destroy us and our wives and our children, and to despoil us; ²¹but we fight for our lives and our laws. ²²He himself will crush them before us; as for you, do not be afraid of them."

²³When he finished speaking, he rushed suddenly against Seron and his army, and they were crushed before him. ²⁴They pursued them down the descent of Beth-horon to the plain; eight hundred of them fell, and the rest fled into the land of the Philistines. ²⁵Then Judas and his brothers began to be feared, and terror fell on the Gentiles all around them. ²⁶His fame reached the king, and the Gentiles talked of the battles of Judas.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.



1. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His mercy endrues forever, Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy edures forever."

Refrain:

2. The hand of the LORD has struck with pow'r, His right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the LORD.

Refrain:

3. The stone which the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone, the LORD of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

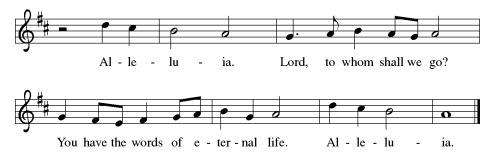
¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:13



GOSPEL

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

Fear, Then and Now

What Happened?

What Will You Say at the Empty Tomb?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Will I speak and testify about the empty tomb?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The tomb is empty. Jesus is risen. Celebrate!

So What? Testify to the risen Jesus. Rejoice in the risen Jesus. Death is not the end. Jesus has conquered death and we who belong to Him will be with Him always.





Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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 on the attendance registry 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.

ANTHEM

"Christus Paradox" Revelation 5:12-14 Sylvia Dunstan/Alfred Fedak Text © 1991/Music © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword bringer Of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, Stripped of might upon the cross, Shining in eternal glory, Beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

CHANCEL CHOIR

You, who walk each day beside us, Sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and our life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, You, who are our death and our life.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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. 2 Corinthians 13:11

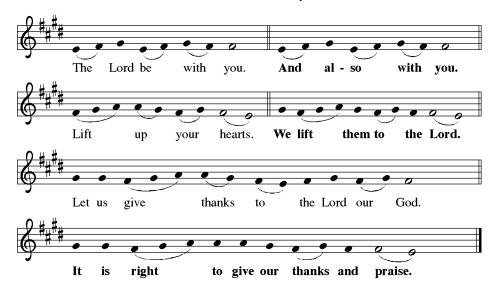
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL AND SENDING

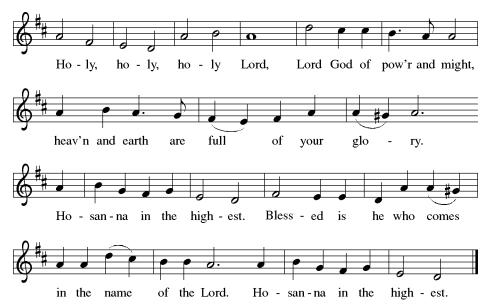


2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

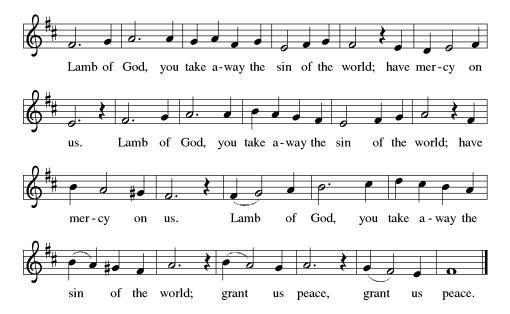
Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

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.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND INDIVIDUAL DISMISSAL

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Sylvia Fogle and Ed & Cathy Robinson in memory of Jerry Fogle and Mary Brown Robinson.

PARISH NEWS

Thanks be to God for the gift of a beautiful, hand crafted altar cloth from Mrs. Sharon Carpenter. We use this gift for the first time this Easter 2021. We dedicate this gift to the glory of God and for the worship of His people who gather in this place.

ROOTS: On Sunday, **April 11** at 9:30 am Roots youth will meet virtually for a <u>monthly</u> <u>devotional</u>.

SPROUTS: Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, April 14 at 6 pm**. We will be meeting **April 18 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION: If there are any high school or college graduates that would like to be recognized on Sunday, May 23rd during the 10:30 service, please contact <u>amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org</u> with information by Friday, May 7th.

OWLS: On **Thursday, April 22**, the OWLS will be meeting at the pavilion for a picnic dinner beginning at 5pm. Please bring your favorite fast food or take-out meal and join Amy and friends for fun and fellowship. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Tuesday, April 20.

BOOK CLUB: The Women's Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, May 20** at 6pm at the pavilion to discuss *Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* by C.S Lewis. Please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are interested.



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.

Please share prayer concerns or updates on the prayer list with the church office (704-864-6491), call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439) or call our prayer team (Katherine Carpenter 704-214-2493). Intercessions will be for a month and then removed unless requested to continue.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: BT & Pauline Bradley, Kori Bradley, Jerry & Shirley Carpenter, Johnny, Katherine & Eli Carpenter, Elona Collins, Kathy Finch, Dru Huffstickler, Ann Marie Lentz, Robert Park, **Betty Petty**, Bill Robinson, the Sanders Family, and Bob Thornburg

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Deborah Carpenter, Vicky & Phillip Clontz, Jennie Ehlers, Garry & Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, Mona Fulton, Victoria Garcia, Linda Gay, Sherry Hester, Janice Inman, Paula Kadel, Eva Ann McLean Kendrick, Suzanne Ledford, Dawn Lemmond, Pr. Tommy Lineberger, Lee Norris, Chris Owings, Caitlin Reece, Paul Scarlata, Dakota Shuford, Judi Truesdail, Charlene Sorenson, George Sung, and **Claudia Zibell**

WEEK 13: APRIL 4 to APRIL 11, 2021

04/04 Morning Reading: Luke 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4

- 04/05 Morning Reading: Luke 8:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 1, 2, 3
- 04/06 Morning Reading: Luke 9:1-17—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 4, 5, 6
- 04/07 Morning Reading: Luke 9:18-36—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 7, 8, 9
- 04/08 Morning Reading: Luke 9:37-62—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 10, 11, 12
- 04/09 Morning Reading: Luke 10:1-24—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 13, 14
- 04/10 Morning Reading: Luke 10:25-42—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 15, 16
- 04/11 Morning Reading: Luke 11:1-28—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 17, 18

Song Of Praise *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* ELW #365

Next Sunday, April 11, 2021

8:30 Holy Communion: Luke 2:1-20 & John 20:19-31

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: The End of Time (The Story, Chapter 31)

10:30 Service of the Word: Luke 2:1-20 & John 20:19-31 ~

"The Humble Manger, Doubting Thomas and Easter Joy"

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 4 - SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

Sun-04	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom		
	9:30 am	Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom		
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Sanctuary)		
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)		
Mon-29	8:30 am	NO Preschool		
Tues-30	8:30 am 10:00 am	NO Preschool Clothing Closet Workday		
Wed-31	8:30 am	NO Preschool		

Thur-01 8:30 am NO Preschool



We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning. Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew following the service. Thank you!

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Prayer Request:				