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Easter Sunrise Service

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Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service

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A Reading from the Gospel of John

John 20:1-10

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.

Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Opening Hymn “Awake, My Heart, With Gladness” # 467

Invocation (stand)

Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

Psalm 118:15-29

(Found numerically, front pages of Hymnal)

We will use the tone below and chant whole verse by whole verse, concluding with the “Glory be to the Father” at the end of the Psalm.



Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:10 – 15:1

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.

They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?”

Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen."

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared.

And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Gradual (all)

Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore he is the mediator of his new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Holy Gospel (stand)

John 20:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: **"Glory be to Thee, O Lord"**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" - and that he had said these things to her.

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Sermon Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" # 475

Sermon "The Second Commandment – Calling on God"
Psalm 118:15-29 **Pastor Squire**

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

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The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Distribution Hymns # 461, # 477, # 481

Canticle Song of Simeon "Nunc Dimittis" page 199

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Closing Hymn "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" # 487

Today: 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service & Communion
7:30 AM LYF Breakfast
9:00 AM Easter Festival Worship & Communion

Wednesday
April 8
5:00 PM No Morning Bible Study
No Confirmation
Naomi Circle
6:00 PM LYF Bible Study – Osage
No Evening Bible Study

Thursday 2:00 PM Immanuel hosts **Birthday Party at Good Sam's**

Saturday **LWML Zone Rally** – Trinity, Osage

Next Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion
April 12 **10:00 AM Brief Voter's Meeting**
10:00 AM Sunday school
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study

Those serving us today:

Elders: John Groth, Steve Groth, Brian Steinberg, Melvin Schroeder
Organists: Carol Pahl, Emma Squire, Adam Squire
Acolyte: refer to posted schedule
Sound System: Jonathan Pahl, Mark Bless
Altar Guild: Gusty Adams and family

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Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. You are invited to the Altar for a blessing from Pastor – just cross your arms over your chest. Please schedule a time with Pastor or one of our Elders for further conversation about this Holy Sacrament. Thank you.

Bulletin Cover explanation:

Psalm 118:10–14, *All the nations surrounded me; in the name of YHWH I cut them off! They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of YHWH I cut them off! ...I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but YHWH helped me. YHWH is my strength and my song, He has become my salvation.*”

Every instance of the ‘righteous sufferer’ (as here in Ps.118) that we find in the Psalms finds its fulfillment in the arch-sufferings of The Righteous One—in the crucifixion of Christ. Further, every instance of salvation we find in the Psalms—from the paradigmatic salvation of the Exodus, to the personal salvations of David, to the eschatological salvation of God’s people—is supremely sourced in, pointing toward and achieved by the resurrection of the crucified Christ...

The sufferings of the Psalmist are pictured in the dark flames at the left of the image. In the midst of these is the Serpent, the Dragon, Satan who—as ruler of the powers of the air—is the God-opposing power behind the God-opposing ‘nations.’ Bursting from this realm of death as a newly born child (cf. John 16:21-22) is the Risen Christ. All salvation is a participation in this resurrection, and so I’ve pictured the Bride of Christ—the Church in all ages and places—as enveloped in the arms of her Lord, carried with Him out of death. And yet, this salvation is not merely an escape from Death, it is the defeat of Death, as is clear from the cross piercing through both Christ (and so his people) and the Serpent. For the Serpent, it is a piercing unto damnation; but for Jesus, the wounds of crucifixion, illumined by the resurrection, blossom into new-creation glories that declare to all the cosmos the Name of the One True God!

“Full of Eyes” Artist, Christopher Powers