



Concordia Lutheran Church
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The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

Welcome to Concordia!

Vacancy Pastor Team:

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)
Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

Prelude

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

(Please stand as you are able)

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Bless this Paschal flame and all who keep this Feast of our Lord's Resurrection.

C: **O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit kindles the hearts of Your faithful people.**

P: Almighty God the Father, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross.

C: **And by His glorious resurrection You deliver us from the powers of sin, death and the Evil One.**

P: We beseech You to grant us faith whereby we strive to drown the Old Adam and Eve through daily repentance;

C: **So day by day we awaken to live by grace alone, through faith only, and solely for the sake of Christ crucified and raised. So we serve You In everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness.**

P: Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
C: **Who is our Lord, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Easter Exultet

Tune: Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow, where our Captain trod
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Shout, choirs above! You saints and angels sing!
That Jesus lives! Let heav'n, resoundingly ring!
Around God's throne, exult in harmonies!
Saluting your King, with joyous symphonies!

Now let us join in praising Christ who rose,
Defeating sin and death, and Sa-tan, our foes.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

We Reaffirm God's New Creation **in us through Holy Baptism**

P: Father Creator, in the beginning when all was without form and void,
Your Spirit hovered over the watery depths.

C: **Your Word caused the waters above and below to work Your
judgment and grace.**

P: You commanded the Flood waters to divide the wicked from the family of
righteous Noah, who walked with You by faith.

C: **Your rainbow promises You will never again use water to destroy
Your creation.**

P: You parted the Red Sea and divided the Jordan River.

C: **So Your Chosen People could escape slavery and enter into the Promised Land.**

P: The waters of the Jordan heard Your heavenly voice declare Jesus as Your beloved Son, and witnessed the Spirit descend on Him.

C: **Through Holy Baptism you have anointed us with the Holy Spirit and made us Your children.**

P: Father, help us live always by the light of Christ and watch for His coming.

C: **Dwell in our hearts and be present in our midst. You will be our God and we will be Your people.**

P: "Arise and shine O people of God, for your light has come!"

C: **We are delivered out of death, and into everlasting life.**

P: The dawn is past, it is a new day and the Son of God is risen from the dead.

C: **This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us walk before Him in the light of life, and dwell in the Kingdom of God forever.**

P: God has made us His holy people and a royal priesthood.

C: **He is our refuge and our strength, in every generation.**

P: The Lord is risen!

C: **HE is risen indeed! Alleluia and Amen!**

Introit

"Sing All the World"

Tune: Lift High the Cross

Sing, all the world! Be-hold your light divine!
The risen Lord, in radiant glory does shine.
The ancient darkness, now He banishes,
All fears and all sorrows, these He vanquishes.

Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
Sing, Church of God! Exult with every breath!
Forgiveness reigns; sin's deadly curse is done.
Sound forth, Gospel trumpets! "Victory is won!"

Our Savior lives! He'll never die again!
So come Lord Jesus, now! Forever! Amen!
Sing, all the world! Be-hold your light divine!
The risen Lord, in radiant glory does shine.

Prayer of the Day

P: The resurrected Lord be with you.

C: The risen Savior be with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

C: May we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit.

P: Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son,

C: Who is our Lord, living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading is taken from the twenty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow,
of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all
peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Isaiah 25:6–9

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *“He is Arisen! Glorious Word!”* **Maroon Hymnal # 488**

The Epistle Reading is from the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Affirmation

Maroon Hymnal 461

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

verses 1-3

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O risen Redeemer**

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. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 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. 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." 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. Mark 16:1–8

P: This is the Gospel of the risen Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O resurrected Savior.**

(Please remain standing)

Sermon Hymn

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Maroon Hymnal 461

verses 4-6

Sermon

Responsory

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Maroon Hymnal 461

verses 7-8

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our

salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

(Please be seated)

Offering Voluntary

"Hallelujah"

Vocalist - Emily Giannotta
Accompanist – Tina Niehus

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the universe, for It is truly good, right and healthy to body and soul that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You Holy Lord, Almighty Father and Everlasting God. But most of all we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored

to us everlasting life.

C: We remember Christ's humiliation and death for us; We live by faith and hope in our Lord's risen and exalted Real Presence in our midst; We trust we receive His Body and Blood, given to us in, with and under the bread and wine.

P: So now in the joy of Your feast of victory, we join with all the angelic hosts and heavenly saints, praising You, and singing:

This is the Feast

Maroon Hymnal pg. 171-172

Words of Institution

P: We praise You gracious Father, by this bread and cup we receive the Body and Blood our Lord offering us the forgiveness of our sins.

C: For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation. Come Lord Jesus.

P: O God the Holy Spirit, enter into our hearts to make us one with Christ, and seal our unity as citizens of God's Kingdom of Grace, in the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

C: Jesus is the head of His body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead. Come Holy Spirit.

P: United as Your dear children in every time and every place, chosen as loyal citizens of Your holy Kingdom, and elected as royal ambassadors of Your priesthood of believers, we pray the petitions Jesus taught us to pray....

ALL: 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.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

Distribution Hymns *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* **Maroon Hymnal # 457**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today! Alleluia” **Maroon Hymnal # 463**

Easter Nunc Dimittis *“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”* **Maroon Hymnal # 643**

(Please stand as you are able to sing vs. 2)

P: O Lord, save Your children, bless Your inheritance and protect Your people by Your cross.

C: **Now and forever.**

P: The crucified Lord is risen.

C: **He reigns forever and ever.**

P: The veil of sin and death is removed because the Lord is Risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Proclaim our God’s victorious news- The Lord is Risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Let our lives resound with loving obedience to God and sacrificial service to one another because the Lord is Risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia and Amen!**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *“The Day of Resurrection”* **Maroon Hymnal # 478**

Postlude *“This is My Father’s World”*