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EASTER WORSHIP – April 9, 2023

9:00 am



RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING READING: Romans 6:1-5

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

HYMN VERSE: "Were You There?" v. 4

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb

OPENING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" – LSB # 465 vv. 1,3,4

Now all the vault of Heaven resounds, in praise of love that still abounds
Christ has triumphed, He is living
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here
Christ has triumphed, Christ has triumphed, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love, set heart and will on things above
That we conquer, through Your triumph
Grant grace sufficient for life's day, that by our lives we truly say
Christ has triumphed, He is living, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Adoring praises now we bring, and with the Heav'nly blessed sing
Christ has triumphed, alleluia
Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God
All the glory, never ending, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

OPENING WELCOME

HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" – LSB #457, vv. 1-2, 4

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia, our triumphant holy day, alleluia
Who did once upon the cross, alleluia, suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia, unto Christ, our Heav'nly King, alleluia
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia, sinners to redeem and save, alleluia

Sing we to our God above, alleluia, praise eternal as His love, alleluia
Praise Him, all ye Heav'nly host, alleluia, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: As we celebrate this Easter Sunday, we are called to remember the sins that led Jesus to the cross. There is no Resurrection without His righteous death. Thinking on these things, let us confess ourselves to our Heavenly Father.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess,

People: that we have enjoyed the sins of the world at the expense of our Savior. We have continued to sin though You have called us to holiness. For the ways in which we have lived in spite of Jesus' grace, we are sorry, and ask for Your forgiveness.

Pastor: We have triumphed because our Lord has triumphed! It is a good day to celebrate as we acknowledge that Christ has risen from the dead and is proclaimed as the Savior of the world. Our sins have been removed and the empty tomb speaks to the new life we have in Christ. It is my pleasure to announce the grace of God to you this day, that you have been forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we give You thanks this blessed Easter morning for giving us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. We pray that across Christendom churches would be filled with singing and open hearts, ready to receive the message of hope in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to: St. John, The 12th Chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SECOND READING: John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” – LSB #469, vv. 1-4

“Christ the Lord is ris'n today!”
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales

OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward.** For those who are worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Drive, Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you*

SONG: “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

For the joyous gift of the Resurrection, Lord today we give You thanks. May this joy stay with us as we remember the power of Christ over our lives.

For continued faithfulness in worship and fellowship, Lord we pray that all would cast aside that which interferes with the regular gathering together with others each week. Lord, help us all assess our priorities, especially as we seek to teach our children what is truly important. Help us remember that we want all to grow in the knowledge of You. Help us see the importance of what is lasting and what will fade in time.

Heavenly Father, for the sick and hurting, we lift and commend all to Your care that need healing and relief. May our prayers on their behalf be heard and answered according to Your love and mercy.

For the future of Your Kingdom on earth, Lord help us expand Your message of hope throughout the land.

For the care of our children, Lord we pray that You would grant opportunities for us to minister with compassion and care. For those young and old, Lord we pray that whatever stage of life we might be in, You would guide us.

For safety and peace, Lord may all receive Your attention.

For these prayers and all other prayers we lift to You, Lord hear us and answer according to Your unfailing love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose power and salvation transcends the nations and kingdoms of the world. Lead us to Your heavenly kingdom, where in divine glory and freedom from sin His name is worshiped and glorified. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, with the saints

gathered before Your throne from every nation, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, singing:

SANCTUS

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. Even when creation rebelled against You, You gave Your only-begotten Son into death that we might be saved and set free from the lasting consequences of sin and eternal death. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in faith.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

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

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray...

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift. As Christ has forgiven us and set us free, we rejoice in our independence from all we ever need fear. Grant Your holy and life-giving Spirit that we may serve You as we seek to end divisions, overcome prejudice, and seek justice. Grant that we live in peace with one another through the peace You have restored in our relationship with You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the gift of God's glory in Jesus go with us, and may the Resurrection continue to be what gives us hope. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" – LSB 461, vv. 1-4-8

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving Head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He live to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR THIS EASTER, BY OUR CONGREGATION. *Members may take an Easter lily or flower home today following the service.*

THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR GUILD FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN HELPING TO MAKE OUR HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES NOT ONLY MEANINGFUL, BUT BEAUTIFUL AS WELL! Their special touches in the design of the altar and sanctuary for each Holy Week service has made a difference, and we appreciate all that they do – not only at this time of year, but all year long. Thank you!!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

Abbie MacDonald, daughter of Tom and Wanda Chillemi
June DuBois
Dave Larson
Shirley Brown
Tim, Ron Plusquellec's son, and son-in-law, Ned
Dianne and Cindy, Shirley Dring's daughters
Pat Gengler
Donna Klomhaus
Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends
Al Arbeiter
Dawn Ziemer
Monica, Mary Larson's sister
Jeff, Rebecca and Joshua Lasky

In the military:

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller
Wil Dring, serving at Camp David in the marines

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY 9 AM SERVICE TO HELP WITH AUDIO/VISUALS! Now that we have an advanced audio-visual system in place to offer high-end, quality livestreaming of our services, we could use more volunteers to help with various tasks, such as camera operations, audio monitoring and slide production and projection for Sunday services. Training will be provided! Interested? Please see Pastor Jesus for more information.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS! If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water are provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS – If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion –

and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

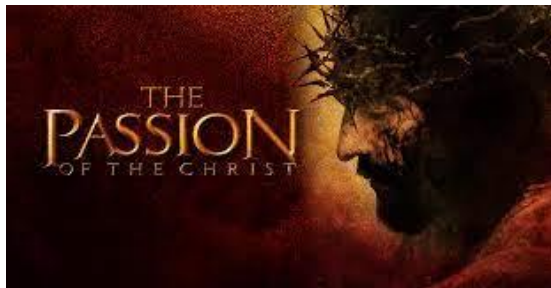
PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or jesusmorales466@yahoo.com.

OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY! If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include boxed cereals, all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

OUR BENEVOLENT FUND provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE! The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING. An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers. You can also post prayer requests on the Christ Our Savior facebook page under "Comments," or contact Deb Odefey (630-209-9918) if you would like them added to our Prayer Chain.



MOVIE NIGHTS ARE COMING TO CHRIST OUR SAVIOR! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The first movie night will be held on **Friday, April 28th**, and we will be showing "The Passion of Christ." You won't want to miss this riveting story of Christ and His crucifixion! Stay tuned... more details to come!



JOIN NEW SONG CHURCH ON MAY 6 FOR A MOTHER-DAUGHTER-SISTER-FRIEND LUNCHEON AND TEA! Our partner church, New Song Community Church in Aurora, has invited Christ Our Savior to their spring women's event on **Saturday, May 6, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm.** The luncheon and tea will feature real china, lovely food, girly games and music. Julaine Kammrath will be the guest speaker. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, former teacher, respected Bible study leader and author of two books published by

Concordia Publishing House. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 for children. If there is interest, we may reserve a Christ Our Savior table at the event. We can provide transportation.

This will be a great opportunity to enjoy a lovely time with your family and friends, hear a wonderful uplifting message, and have a chance to meet other women and girls from our partnership churches! If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the back table. Questions? Contact Deb Odefey or pastor.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Fund	February 2023	2023 YTD
Missions	\$110.00	\$190.00
Parking Lot Fund	\$123.00	\$228.00
Blessing Box	\$20.00	\$40.00
Parsonage Fund	\$100.00	\$150.00
Animal Shelter	\$30.00	\$60.00
Benevolent Fund	\$20.00	\$40.00

We thank our members for their generosity in contributing to these special funds!