

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast of Victory" p. 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit!**

Let us pray: O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection, preserve us in the Spirit of adoption which Thou hast given us, so that, made alive in body and soul, we serve Thee purely; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

The Gospel Procession

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #465 (st. 1)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter!

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

After the reading: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #465 (st. 2)

[We are seated]

Sermon

[we rise]

The Offertory

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" #465 (st. 3-4)

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

[Please review our communion policy on page 1]

[We rise] **Service of the Sacrament** p. 194

[We are seated]

+ The Distribution of Christ's body and blood +

Hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee" #617

[We rise] "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #805

Dismissal Blessing, *Nunc Dimittis*, Collect p.199

Benedicamus, Benediction

Final Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #457

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

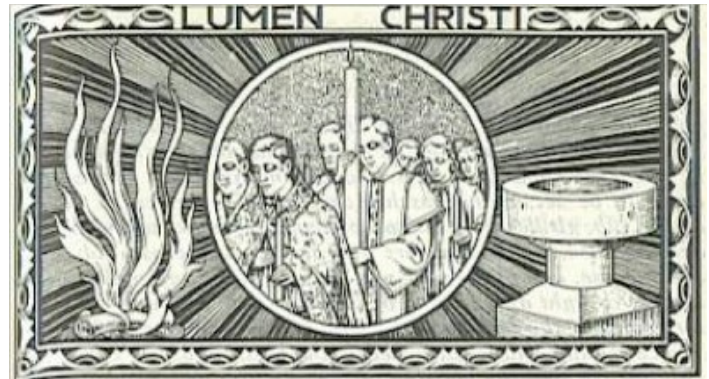
EASTER BREAKFAST POT-LUCK, 7:00 A.M.

EASTER FESTIVAL, 9:00 A.M.

A Guide to The Divine Service

7:00 P.M.

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The Great Vigil of Easter

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Congregation of the Lutheran Confessions*

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

THE TRIDUUM: Part III: The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter, which is celebrated at the end of Holy Saturday as the conclusion of the Holy Triduum, ushers in the celebration of The Resurrection. The Vigil is comprised of six parts: The Service of Light, the Service of Readings, The Service of Holy Baptism, The Service of Prayer, The Service of the Word, and The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Service of Lights begins with the candle-lighting, followed by the procession of light, and concluded with the Easter Proclamation (the Exultet)

The Marking of the Paschal Candle

The Passing of the Light

Response after each chant of:

"The Light of Christ!" **"Thanks be to God!"**

(Congregation responds on a single note)

The Collect for the Vigil of Easter – Congregation: **Amen!**

The Easter Proclamation: The Exultet – Congregation: **Amen!**

[The Candles are extinguished and collected after the Exultet]

THE SERVICE OF READINGS

[The Responses after each reading:

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**]

The Creation	Genesis 1.1-2.3
The Flood	Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13
The Testing of Abraham	Genesis 22.1-18
Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea	Exodus 14.10-15.1
Salvation Offered Freely to All	Isaiah 55.1-11
A New Heart and a New Spirit	Ezekiel 36.24-28
God's Faithfulness to Israel	Deuteronomy 31.19-30
The Valley of Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37.1-14
Job Confesses the Redeemer	Job 19.20-27
Jonah Preaches to Nineveh	Jonah 3.1-10
The Gathering of God's People	Zephaniah 3.12-20
The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3.1-30
Hymn	"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" #444

THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM,

Historically in this Service, candidates for Baptism and Confirmation and New or Renewed Membership are received by the respective rites. Tonight, the congregation uses this

opportunity to renew baptismal and confirmation vows; tonight, with the Confirmation Hymn.

At the conclusion of this segment of the Easter Vigil:

[Rise] Hymn "Let Me Be Thine Forever" #689

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **hear us, dear Lord.**

Paschal Lamb, Who was offered for us and hath taken away the sin of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who hast been crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification, **have mercy upon us;**

Thou, Who hast foretold Thy passion, saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again hast brought life and immortality to light, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Whose resurrection wast first announced by an angel to the women, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and wast worshiped by her, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who revealed Thyself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Thyself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Thy peace and Thy Spirit, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who didst show Thy wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he, too, might believe, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who didst appear to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who appear to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road, **have mercy upon us.**

Thou, Who didst commission Thine apostles to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching, **have mercy upon us.**

By Thy glorious resurrection from the dead, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By Thy victory over sin and death, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By the majesty of Thy risen body, **good Lord, deliver us.**

We poor sinners implore Thee, **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**

That we daily die and rise with Thee in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Thy forgiveness, **grant us, good Lord,**

That we we set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by Thee, **grant us, good Lord.**

That we dwell with Thee forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints, **grant us, good Lord.**

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

Christ, Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, **grant us Thy peace.**

O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, **have mercy upon us. Amen!**