

Offering

Holy Communion Preparation

P: Christ has died, Christ has risen,

**C: Christ will come again, amen!**

P: Easter is a celebration of life - and death - and life again! It is a celebration of our birth, our death, and our resurrected life, for that is the gift of Easter — new life!

**C: For it is into His name we are baptized - our new birth. It is into His name we shall die - our death of this mortal body. And it is into His name we shall live - our resurrection and eternal life in heaven!**

P: O Father, we come to You, the very Bread of Heaven, to receive the gift of love in this sacrament. We are sinners, Lord, and not worthy to be here, except for Your mercy and grace. So we confess our sins to You, that we may be forgiven and acceptable in Your sight.

\*The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome to the Table—*If you prefer white grape juice, please take the clear liquid in the center of the tray.*

\*Blessing and Closing Prayers

\*Closing Song

**"My Redeemer Lives"**

Dismissal (*led by Katelyn Anderson*)

L: Go in peace. Live the resurrected life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

L: He is risen.

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

L: And let all God's people say:

**C: Amen!**

**"Alleluia"**

**CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC**  
**EASTER SUNDAY — April 1, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

**"HE IS RISEN!"**

We gather in darkness (The Procession of Thorns)

*(The thorns placed on the altar on Maundy Thursday and left there for Good Friday are now removed and processed down the center aisle in silence.)*

Video Presentation — Jesus dies on Friday

*(We watch as our Lord is laid in a tomb and all hope seems lost and gone forever.)*

The Good News is proclaimed — Mark 16:1-8

Narrator: Carter Olson

Woman: Elizabeth Broders

Angel: Emilee Olson

Narrator: When the Sabbath was over, 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. They had been saying to one another:

Woman: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

Narrator: When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young person, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them:

Angel: "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. But 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."

Narrator: So 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.

Opening Easter Praise Medley  
**“You Are Good”**  
**“I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)”**

Prayer of Confession (*in unison, led by Ethan Olson*)

**We admit that we come this morning much like the women at the empty tomb, seeking the living among the dead, because we have not expected the resurrection, only the ordinary. We do not trust your promises any more than they. The ones we tell think your story is an idle tale from our lack of response. Forgive us, our Father, and use us to spread the good news that Jesus Christ, though he was dead, is alive forevermore. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness (*announced by Ethan Olson*)

Our God says for now and for all time—“You are forgiven! I have set you free!” The sin that has weighed so heavily upon us has been lifted by God who gives forgiveness. This forgiveness is ours because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and from now on we can live as new creatures in a new creation. Jesus has given His forgiveness gift so that we might live forever. This gift allows us to step out in faith and forgive our brothers and sisters and live in harmony. Praise God for forgiveness.

\*Easter Song  
**“What A Beautiful Name”**

\*Prayer of the Day (*led by Katelyn Anderson*)

**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.**

Scriptures

Isaiah 25:6-9  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Old Testament, pg. 652  
New Testament, pg. 176

\*Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

New Testament, pg. 54

Message

“Living the Resurrected Life: Break Your Easter Egg!”  
Pastor Steve Lund

Easter Reading

“Come to the Easter Party” — Ethan Olson

\*We Declare Our Faith (*led by Colin Broders*)

**ALL: WE BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

*Men: His sovereign power has raised His Son from the dead;*

*Women: His sacrifice of love has given us eternal life.*

**ALL: HE IS INDEED THE FATHER GOD ALMIGHTY!  
WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S ONLY SON,**

*Men: He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary—true God, yet true Man.*

*Women: He suffered and died on the cross and descended into hell, announcing the victory of Almighty God to the devil and his legions of evil. On the third day He rose from the grave, and then He ascended into heaven, where He lives and rules with the Father.*

**ALL: HE IS INDEED THE CHRIST, OUR VICTORIOUS KING!  
WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE POWER OF GOD AT WORK  
IN US TODAY.**

*Men: By His guidance, we will fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.*

*Women: Who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God!*

**ALL: AND WE BELIEVE JESUS WILL COME AGAIN AND TAKE US HOME TO LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER. THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF EASTER AND THIS IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR FAITH. WE BELIEVE IT, WE PROFESS IT BECAUSE IT IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!**