



Christus Victor

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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, You have overcome death and opened for us the way to everlasting life. May we joyfully celebrate our Lord's resurrection today and rejoice in Your promise that we too, with all believers, will be raised on the last day with glorified bodies. Let this be for us a day of triumph. "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

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As We Gather: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Sinners should fear God. Sinners ought to die for their wickedness. The grave should be the place of ultimate defeat for mankind. Yet on this day, the Second Adam did all that the first had left undone. Bearing our guilt and suffering our verdict, the Son of Man died, but three days later He rose in glory. As a result, fear is gone, mankind is redeemed, and Christ calls us His own brothers. Jesus came from death to life, and through baptism He brings us with Him.

For centuries, Christians on Easter Sunday have greeted one another using the following words:

Latin: *Surrexit Dominus vere! Deo gratias!*
Greek: *Christos aneste Alethos aneste*
Russian: *Christos voskres! Vo istinu voskres!*
German: *Christ ist erstanden! Er ist gewisslich*
Spanish: *Christo ha resuditado! Gracias sean dadas a Dios!*
English: *Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!*

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 163 "Welcome, Happy Morning"

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"
Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!
Him their true Creator, All His works adore.

Refrain:

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"

Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,
God from heav'n beholding Human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead You, the only Son,
Mankind to deliver Manhood did put on. [Refrain]

He, of life the author, Death did undergo,
Trode the path of darkness, Saving strength to show.
Come, then, True and Faithful, Now fulfill your word;
This is your third morning -- Rise, O buried Lord. [Refrain]

Free the souls long prisoned, Bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen Raise to life again.
Show Your face in brightness; Shine in ev'ry land
As in Eden's garden When the world began. [Refrain]

The Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

C: The crucified One is risen! Alleluia!

P: He has conquered death by the cross!

C: He has come out of the tomb!

P: This is the day the LORD has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *Psalm 118:24 NIV*

P: Give thanks to the LORD for He is good!

C: His love endures forever! *Psalm 118:1 NIV*

P: All glory, laud, and honor belong to You, O Lord, Alleluia!

C: We worship, praise, and adore You, O Christ. Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

P: Even in our Easter joy, we confess before our gracious God our failings and sin.

All: Lord God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned and that our lives are not always what they should be. Our sin leads to guilt that destroys our joy. Our self-centeredness leaves us feeling empty and alone, without the peace of Your presence. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

(A time of silent confession)

P: People of God, the Christ who died for you is risen. His death and resurrection have conquered our enemies of sin and death. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Alleluia! Amen!**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Risen Lord!

**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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! (CW 157 vs 1, 2, 4)**

The Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

P & C: Almighty God, the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson: **Job 19:23-27** *(A sick Job takes comfort in the truth that though he dies, Jesus lives.)*

²³ "Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,

²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!

²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives,

and that in the end He will stand on the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷ I myself will see Him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me! (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 118** (Hymn version CW #225)

**This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice; let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.**

**Today He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from the throne.**

**Blessed is Jesus Christ, who came
With messages of grace,
Who came in God the Father's name
To save our sinful race.**

**Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth shall raise;
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.**

The Second Lesson: **1 Corinthians 15:51-58** (God gives us the victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ.)

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: (sung by the Pastor) Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 28:1-10** (*Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.*)

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me.” (NIV 2011)

P: The Easter Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O risen Christ!**

Hymn of the Day: **CW 145 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”**

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died;
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
"Jesus is my confidence!"**

The Sermon Text: **Revelation 19:11-16**

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (NIV 2011)

The Sermon Theme: **The Son of God Goes Forth to War—Christus Victor!**

The Apostle's Creed—Luther's explanation of the Second Article

P: Let us share together our hope in the resurrection with these words from the Apostle's Creed:

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean for us?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

The Offering (*Place in the offering plate on the podium in the entryway of the church.*)

The Prayer of the Church

(*When the pastor prays "Thanks be to God" the people respond with "He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Father in heaven, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death, and through the forgiveness of sins You give us life and salvation. Grant that we may, without doubt, believe and find comfort in the salvation from sin, death, and the devil that You won for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

The Closing Hymn: CW 152 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

**I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living 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 silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.**

**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!"**

Announcements