

“Seven Stanzas at Easter” - Stanza 2

it was as His flesh: ours.

2nd Sunday of Easter
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

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Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: Al Diercks
Acolytes: Mae Anderson/Brooke Ratzburg
Lay Readers: Clint McDonald, Samantha McDonald
Ushers: Don Heidlauf, Scott Mundrick
Greeters: Clint and Samantha McDonald,
Cheryl McDonald
Fellowship: LWML Baby Shower
April Altar Guild: Shari Hoppe
April Counters: Monte Stoltzman

Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza
Jack Warneke
Jake Kruse/Kate Kruse
Kelley Dornier, Suzanne Fowler
John Schultz, Scott Gutzke
Jaronik Family,
Roxanne Hopkins

Becky Anderson
Bill & Kathy Schwartz

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Kay Antonopoulos in memory of Susan Touhy;

The Rayos family in celebration of Aubriana's 5th birthday;

Lance and Pat Rasmussen in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary.

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

4th Sunday

Local Churches

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Circuit (area) churches:

Beautiful Savior-Antioch, Faith-Lake Forest, Good Shepherd-Lake Villa, Immanuel-Glenview, Lord of Glory-Grayslake, St. Matthew-Hawthorn Wood Grace-Northbrook, St. John-Northbrook, Community of Faith-Spring Grove, Redeemer-Waukegan, Prince of Peace-Waukegan

GO! Together partner churches in Gurnee:

Gurnee Community, Joy!, Lakeland, Life, Village, New Abbey, Immanuel, La Viña, Epicenter, House of Prayer, New Hope

Waukegan Churches participating in the Mosaic Learning Community

For more info, go to <http://mosaic.tiu.edu>
Christian Neighbors, CityReach, First Presbyterian, Iglesia Emanuel, Journey, Living Waters Cathedral, New Abbey, Shiloh Baptist, Sign of the Dove, Waukegan Baptist Bible, Waukegan Christian Faith Fellowship, Waukegan Community Church

Congregation Goal: Missional Living

Living as disciples among our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, families, friends, and daily living

EASTER REFRAINS & CATECHISM SERVICE

The Easter Refrains order of service uses hymn verses continuing the season of Easter.

The Catechism Service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.

Opening Verse

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 sts. 1, ref



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Proclamation

P: Christ is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

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Proclamation Verse

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 ref



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength. Alleluia, alleluia.

Proclamation Verse

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 ref

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: What is Confession and Absolution?

C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.

C: I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you is from the Lord Himself? **C: I do.**

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Absolution Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name _ on high; Lord, I love to sing _ Your
prais - es. ____ I'm so glad You're in ____ my life;
I'm so glad You came _ to save __ us. ____ You came from heav - en to earth.
_ to show the way, _ from the earth ____ to the cross _ my debt to pay; -
_ From the cross ____ to the grave, _ from the grave ____ to the sky; _
_ Lord, I lift Your name ____ on high.

Greeting, Collect (Prayer of the Day), and Luther's Morning Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray together.

C: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



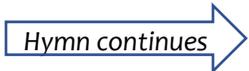
Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

Hymn continues 

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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Reading from the History of the Early Church Acts 5:12–20 (ESV)

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter) Revelation 1:4–11a, 12a, 17-18 (ESV)

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches....”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me...¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Majesty”

Adult Choir

- *Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.*

Majesty worship His majesty unto Jesus be all glory honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise.
So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty worship His majesty,
Jesus who died now glorified King of all kings.

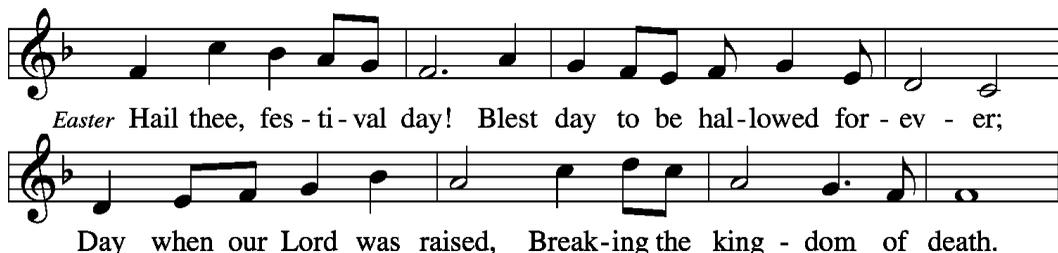
He is Lord, Lift up the name of Jesus,
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty;
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee.

Majesty worship His majesty unto Jesus be all glory honor and praise
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified King of all kings.

Gospel Preparation (sing twice) Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489 refrain



Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;
Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Response (sing once) Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489 refrain



Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

Hymn of the Day

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470 sts. 1-7



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
 And look upon My hands, My feet;
 Not faithless but believing be."
 Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!

Sermon

"Seven Stanzas at Easter: Stanza 2 – it was as His flesh: ours"

John 20:19-31

“Seven Stanzas at Easter” by John Updike

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that-pierced-died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.



This poem was written by John Updike (1932-2009) for a religious arts festival sponsored by the Clifton Lutheran Church, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, in 1960. It can be found in Updike's poetry collection titled *Telephone Poles and Other Poems* (New York: Alfred A Knopp).

Confession of Faith 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation

P: Confess with your mouth what you believe in your heart: Romans 10:9
that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead

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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P: What does this mean?

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. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, 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, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

Prayers

P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:

C: *Our Father who art in heaven.*

P: What does this mean?

C: *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father. . .

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach 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.*

Closing Words Based on Luther's Small Catechism

P: We have prayed as the Lord has taught us.

We have said, "But deliver us from evil." What does this mean?

C: *We pray that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us to be with Him for eternity.*

P: The Church concludes the prayer saying, "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen." What does this mean?

C: *This means that I should be certain that these requests are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."*

Benediction

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 favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Praise to You and Adoration

LSB 692



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Announcements

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