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**The**

**Resurrection**

**of our Lord / Easter**

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” *Luke 24:5b-6a*

**AS WE GATHER**

“He is risen!”—the Church shouts with confidence—“He is risen indeed!” The high point of our Christian life is celebrated this morning as we gather with all of God’s children to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As today’s Gospel from Luke 24 will show us, confusion and fear give way to confident faith when the women who went to the tomb realize Jesus is alive and then share this good news with the other disciples. Through those disciples, this message has reached us also! Just as God had promised through His prophets of old, the Lord Himself will restore creation and bring harmony to all life—beginning with Jesus’ resurrection and continuing until the Last Day, when Jesus returns in glory, destroys death itself, and raises us up to new lives in His eternal kingdom. With confidence in God’s promises, we say: “I know that my Redeemer lives!” What comfort, what hope, what joy this sweet sentence gives!

**INVOCATION and EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**HYMN** *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* (*LSB* 457)

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 heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. 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!

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 65:17-25 *(bulletin insert)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 *(bulletin insert)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24:1-12 *(bulletin insert)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”* (*LSB* 461, vs. 1-4)

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 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 lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

**SERMON *“In fact …”***

**HYMN** *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”* (*LSB* 461, vs. 5-8)

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, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

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!

**RETURNING OF OUR FIRST FRUITS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

### BENEDICTION

**EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**HYMN** *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”* (*LSB* 474)

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread, giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life, saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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 **… Christ is honored.**