

Easter
April 12, 2020



ANGEL EYES

AS WE GATHER

Early on Easter morning, the angel, which means “messenger,” announced what he knew to be true: the tomb was empty because Christ had risen. The women were initially overcome with fear, as anyone would be if confronted by a holy herald from God. Their physical eyes would not see our Lord until He revealed Himself. But we have been given the angel’s eyes, as it were, for by faith we see our Lord with us now. The news the angel proclaimed is too good to keep to ourselves. As God’s messengers today, it is our turn to tell the world that He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (arr. Lanier)
Flute – Becky Shifra; Piano-Marlene Rieck

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Jesus said: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. *John 10:27-28*

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24***
- P** The LORD is God,
- C** **and He has made His light to shine upon us. *Psalms 118:27***
- P** We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
- C** **we too might walk in newness of life. *Romans 6:4***
- P** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- C** **For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. *Colossians 3:1,3***

457 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- △ 4 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!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** The angel told the women what his eyes had beheld, and he urged them to tell Jesus' disciples and Peter, but "they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Let us confess to God all that holds us back from spreading the news of our Lord's resurrection.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P** Our gracious heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we have let the things around us cloud our vision, dim our joy, and close our lips. We have failed to look at Your glory and power through the eyes of the angel. Instead, we have relied on the limited information that our senses provide. We have feared what we could not explain and failed to rely on Your gracious promises. We have, therefore, not loved You with all that we have and are; we have not loved our neighbors as much as we have loved ourselves. Worse, without Your aid, we cannot change.**

In Your great mercy, forgive us and, by Your Holy Spirit, assure us of Your victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil on our behalf. Help us then to announce the resurrection to all we meet, to the glory of Your holy name.

- P** By becoming one of us to die for us, our Lord Jesus Christ paid for all our sins. When the Father raised Him on this glorious day, He showed all creation that He received that payment and nothing, even death itself, can stand between us and His gracious, eternal promises.
Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

+ WORD +

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
C **We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever;**
P through Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23–27

- ²³"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“The Lord is Risen” (Williams/Barrett) Ensemble

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

P When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, 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. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them,

A Do not be alarmed. You **seek** Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. **See the place** where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you **will see Him**, just as He told you.

P And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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1 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.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 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.

- 5 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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!

SERMON “Angel Eyes” Mark 16:1-8

APOSTLES’ CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

- C** Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

- C** 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.

BENEDICTION

- P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who sent His Son to certain death in order to give us life, the Son, who left the tomb empty on this day of His rising, and the Holy Spirit, who graciously enables us to be messengers of the resurrection—be upon you, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

- C** Thanks be to God!

EASTER LILIES

In Memory Of:

Our Parents by Dennis and Barb Gauger
Sharon and Mike Grosse by Jan and Pat Grosse
Our daughter, Debra, by Terry and Joanne Luebke
Our Nephew, Larry, by Terry and Joanne Luebke
Frank Derrick by Lois Derrick

In Honor Of:

Our Wonderful Children by Bob and Rhonda Arndt
Everyone by Perry and Becky Pokrandt
Blessings Received:
Keith and Diane Kentala
Bob and Bev Ginnow

TULIPS

In Memory Of:

Guy and Cena Chinnock by Roger and Carol Pluedeman
Our Departed Loved Ones by Jim and Nancy Steenport
John Cooper by Marilyn Cooper

Blessings Received:

Dr. Richard and Ruth Steinke
David & Lynn Parker

DAFFODILS

In Memory Of:

Our Parents by Dennis and Barb Gauger
Our Loved Ones by Donn and Cindy Gauger
My Father, Al Schmidt by Jean Walker

Blessings Received:

Dr. Richard and Ruth Steinke
Gerhard and Hilde Becker

HYACINTHS

In Memory Of:

Our Son, Eric Smith by Carol Smith
Our Departed Loved Ones by Jim and Nancy Steenport
Schroeder and Cooper Families by Marilyn Cooper

Blessings Received:

Roger and Carol Pluedeman
Roger and Carla Klein
Larry and Kathy Mortimer

MUMS

In Memory Of:

Vee Kolberg and Cliff and Marie Kolberg by Jan and Pat Grosse

In Honor Of:

Holdmann Family by Ken and Joan Holdmann

Blessings Received:

Ken and Joan Holdmann

The Kurth Family

HYDRANGEA

In Memory Of:

Art's Parents, Art and Lois Granat by Art and Margo Granat

Margo's Parents, Ben and Bridget Rydecki by Art and Margo Granat

Our Parents by Tom and Kathy Mackin

Blessings Received:

Dr. Richard and Ruth Steinke

AZALEA

In Memory Of:

Arnold Schneider by Dolores Schneider and Family

Wife Marge and Son Matt by Gerald Baerenwald

Blessings Received:

Chuck and Karla Healy

Sue Getzel

**Thank you to everyone who contributed flowers for our
Easter Celebration!**

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Exodus 14:10-31; Hebrews 7:23-8:13
Monday: Exodus 15:1-18; Hebrews 9:1-28
Tuesday: Exodus 15:19-16:12; Hebrews 10:1-18
Wednesday: Exodus 16:13-35; Hebrews 10:19-39
Thursday: Exodus 17:1-16; Hebrews 11:1-29
Friday: Exodus 18:5-27; Hebrews 12:1-24
Saturday: Exodus 19:1-25; Hebrews 13:1-21

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Doug, health issues

Melissa

Larry, heart issues

Bill

Camilla, 6-year-old with brain cancer

Jack, ongoing health issues

Judy, cancer

Eunice, Health Issues

Karen

John, recovering

Ina Lee, sick

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues

The families of Betty Angell and David Kopanski in their passing this week.

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand.

Our Savior Families: Robert & Sharon, Stephen & Marge, Taylor, Austin, Mark & Madeline, Wesley, Thomas & Grace, Joshua

Hymn of the Week “Awake, My Heart with Gladness” LSB 467

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles’ Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction

Al, health issues

Dolf, cancer

Terry, recovered from COVID-19

Jean, health issues

Chris, sick

Denise, addictions

Tim, recovering

Terry, Lime’s Disease

Roger, hospitalized

Ray, Health Issues

Nicole, hospitalized