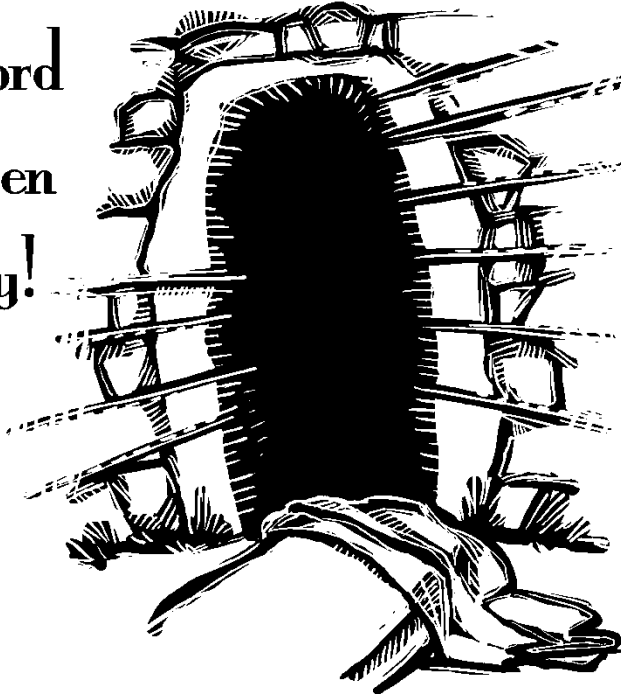


Alleluia!

Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



Cross Lutheran Church
The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017

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EASTER SUNDAY

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting Three

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole
* – indicates congregation should stand as able

PRELUDE	<i>Christ Arose</i>	Robert Lowry
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		p. 94 (red tab)
ANTHEM	<i>Alleluia</i>	Choir and Handbells
*OPENING HYMN	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	ELW # 365
*GREETING		p. 138
*KYRIE		p. 138
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>This is the Feast</i>	p. 140
*PRAYER OF THE DAY		

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-25

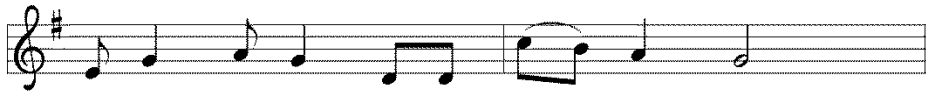
Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.

Congregation on pulpit side sings odd numbered verses with Cantor

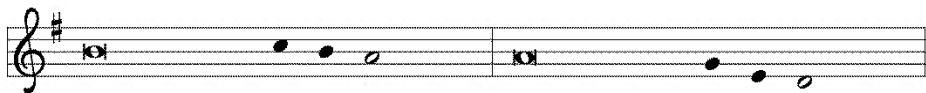
*Congregation on lectern side sings even numbered **bold verses** with second Cantor*



This is the day that the LORD has made;



let us re-joice and be glad in it.



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,**
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the LORD. R

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**
and you have become my salvation. R

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;**
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

*(P) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-15

N.T. p. 33

*(C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(P) The Gospel of our Lord.

*(C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

The Risen Christ

ELW # 390

***NICENE CREED**

p.126 (blue tab)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

arr. Dale Wood

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW #885

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord's Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD

	p. 146
<i>I Come with Joy</i>	ELW # 482
<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	ELW # 855
<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	ELW # 379
<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	ELW # 385

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION p. 114

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	ELW # 660
	Verse 1 – All	
	Verse 2 – Men	
	Verse 3 – Women	
	Verse 4 - All	

*DISMISSAL p. 115

POSTLUDE	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	Lyra Davidica
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To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing.

Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...
Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring
the Supper to you in your pew.

*The Altar Guild wishes to thank all those listed below for the beautiful Easter flowers
used during our services today.*



† Darrell and Marie Anderson in memory of all loved ones

† Sherry Batterman and Matt Wickoren in memory of Peter Batterman

† Richard and Dottie Bingman in memory of our Parents and
Richard's brother Lloyd, and Dottie's brothers Ronald and Willis J

† Larry and Mary Brandt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Brandt and
Mr. & Mrs. William Feldhusen

† Jerry and Barb Brynildson in celebration of Cross Lutheran Church

† Cross Lutheran Book Club in memory of Carrie Knauss

† Dan and Tammy Erickson in memory of
Bill Lewinski, Carrie Knauss, Larry Keeling, and Paul Stienmetz

† Katie and Emily Erickson in memory of Kristen Lewinski,
Tom Featherstone, and Margaret Nierad

† Carol Fontaine in memory of Pat Fontaine,
Roy and Beatrice Bjork and family



† Sylvia Graham in memory of parents and brothers

† The Henrickson family in memory of Brother Rick

† Gloria and Dick Klassen in Celebration of our family

† Doug, Amy, Signey, Simon and Nora Oslund in memory of Jerome Lee and Robert Oslund

† Scott Patterson in memory of Richard and Marlene Patterson

† Bob Preuss and Michele Simon in memory of
Loretta and Ernie Simon, and Bob and Jean Preuss

† Lenore Ryder in memory of loved ones

† Arlo and Kay Stack in memory of LuVern and Esther Buck,
Harry and Evelyn Stack, Bud Stack, and Eileen Defiel

† Mary Vatne in thanks for God's Love

† Linda Winning in memory of Carrie Knauss



***Those who purchased Easter plants for our altar may take them home following the
Worship Service today.***

There are NO Education classes today in order to spend this festival day with our families! HAPPY EASTER!

ADULT EDUCATION resumes at 11:00am on April 23rd with Pastor Amy continuing our study of the Gospels.

Sunday School classes for Pre-K through 6th Grades meet at 10:45am in the choir loft for our opening session together.

Our Sunday School Closing Program will be on May 7th immediately following the worship service.

CONFIRMATION RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 26th AT 6:30!

The United Sisters will meet on WEDNESDAY May 3rd at 6:00pm for dinner and meeting to follow. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen if you are able to provide a part of our meal.

Garden Club

Thursdays 9:00am starting April 20th

We invite anyone who would like to help us be faithful stewards of our rain gardens and the Church grounds to be a part of our Garden Club. We meet for a few hours each Thursday to weed and clean up the gardens. All help is greatly appreciated!

NO Choir rehearsals until Wednesday May 3rd at 7:00pm.

NEW CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY!

Sessions Monday – Wednesday

May 22nd – May 24th

2:00pm – 8:50pm

We are creating a new Church Family Album and it won't be the same without YOU! We will be using Lifetouch Photography to take professional pictures of our families! Everyone who has a sitting will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free Church directory. Sign up: At Church with Sherry Batterman or scan the QR code on any poster; Click on the link on our website: www.crosslutheranchurch.org or Facebook page: Cross Lutheran Church – Maplewood MN. Photos may also be submitted or contact Sherry if you want them taken at other locations using Lifetouch. Bring a food donation and you will receive a \$5.00 coupon if you decide to order additional portraits.

Lenten Coin Folders may be placed in the basket in the Narthex
or in the offering plate.

Thank you to those who have returned them already.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Easter Sunday, April 16.. 7:00am Easter Sunrise Worship Service
7:45am Easter Breakfast
9:30am Easter Service of Holy Communion
11:15am Worship at The Shores of Lake Phalen
12:30pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church
3:00pm 7th Day Adventists

Monday, April 17..... *Church Office Closed*
6:30pm Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, April 20..... 9:00am Garden Club
3:00pm Worship at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventist Prayer Group

Saturday, April 22..... 9:30am – 1:00pm 7th Day Adventist

Sunday, April 23 9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Adult Education Class
12:30pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don’t pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

Dear Lord, since we have been raised to new life too, may we set our hearts on things above. As God’s chosen people, may we treat everyone today with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
Luke 12:32-34



“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren’t taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex.

