

EASTER SUNDAY

April 24, 2011

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

“Building a House Where All Are Welcome”

3600 Hampton -- St. Louis, MO 63109

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Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School – 9:50 am

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Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday! We pray that the joy of our Risen Lord fills your heart with hope and moves you in loving service toward your neighbors.

We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the blue card in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate

**Childcare is available for children up to age 4 in the Nursery on the Lower Level.*

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP [Red] – Setting Three

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 365 [Red]

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The Lord is my strength and my song,

C **and has become my salvation.**

P The stone that the builders rejected

C **has become the chief cornerstone.**

P This is the day that the Lord has made,

C **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sit

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

This passage makes clear that God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God."

message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Thine is the Glory" Verse 2 No. 376 [Red]

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

Sit

SERMON: *Rejoice and Be Glad!*

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" verses 1, 3, 5 No. 364 [Red]

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

ASSISTING MINISTER Trusting in the renewal of all things through Christ's death and resurrection, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of life, awaken us to the celebration of new life in Christ. Open our hearts in this gathering around word and sacrament to your action for the life of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to the movement of your life-giving Spirit throughout all creation. Bless plants and animals blossoming into new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to your justice and righteousness for all nations. Stir up in us longing for your mercy and eagerness to seek your will in all we do. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to the care and compassion you show people in greatest need. Encourage us to extend compassionate, caring hands to those who are ill, lonely, and fearful, especially Rich, the Burgard family, Werner, Don, Damien, Justin, Vicki, Virgie, Sammy, Walter, Lillie, Elizabeth, Joann, Dell, John, Wilma, Sheila, Fred, and all those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts or spoken from our lips.....Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to your mission of gathering all nations through the saving act of Christ. As we celebrate our new life in him, lead us to boldly proclaim his new life for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken us to the resurrection of Christ revealed in the lives of the saints. Sustain us in the hope of his coming to fulfill the work of redemption and to make all things new. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your wide embrace, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy you have shown us through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

MEAL

Sit

THE OFFERING

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “The Trumpets Sound”

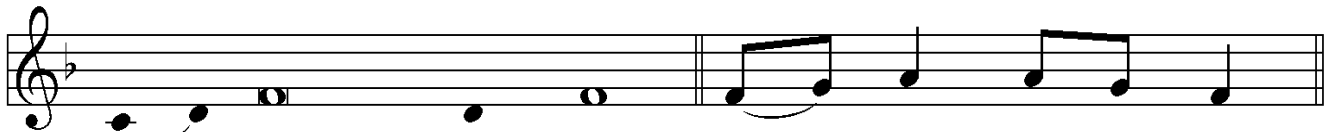
No. 531 [Red]

OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

C **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary ... *Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy No. 413 [Red]

Verse 1 **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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**

Sit

COMMUNION

(The Communion Table is Christ's table. All baptized Christians who believe Jesus Christ is really present for the forgiveness of sins are welcome! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive wine from either the Common Cup or individual glasses. Grape juice is also available in individual glasses.)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Instrumental: *Pastorale (The Strife is O'er)*

Richard Webster

"At the Lamb's High Feast"

No. 362 [Red]

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

No. 826 [Red]

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION SONG: *Hallelujah Chorus*

Handel

SENDING

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN:

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" verses 1 and 3

No. 367 [Red]

DISMISSAL:

AM Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

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**We invite all members, guests and visitors to join us for
an Easter Breakfast (\$5 per person) between services in the Walter
Eckman Fellowship Hall downstairs!**

Altar flowers last week were given by Mary and Bill Scanlan.

The new Paschal Candle is given by Lillie Niebuhr in loving memory of Gus and their daughter, Debbie Dalba.

Next Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 pm: The Gateway Ringers will be in concert at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in celebration of the one year anniversary of “Building a House Where All Are Welcome”. A free will offering will be received to support the concert and the Building Fund.

Next Sunday, May 1st: GYG plant sale and car wash: Help support the six youth and one adult from Gethsemane who are preparing to join a group of 30 from our Southside ELCA Cluster on the Home Repair Mission Trip at the end of June.

Next Sunday, May 1st: The Sunday School children will participate in a variety of Health and Wellness activities led by the Health Cabinet. Wear clothes suitable for activity!!

Sunday, May 8th: In worship, we will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the “Building a House Where All Are Welcome” Campaign!

Gateway Homeless 180 Shelter Donations, Building and Delivery of Easter Baskets - Thank you so much to all the many, many people who contributed baskets, candy, grass, snacks and plastic eggs for the 70 baskets that we are making for the children at the Gateway 180 Homeless Shelter.

Making a Difference: Sharing your time, talents and treasures! Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 7001 Forsyth. This Thrivent Workshop is being sponsored by the ELCA South Cluster of congregations. This workshop can help you: identify

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Calendar

4/24 Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am	Worship Services
Easter Sunday	9:50am	Sunday School
	Between Services	Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
4/25` Monday		Office Closed
4/27 Wednesday	10:00am	Wednesday Women's Study
	6:30pm	Confirmation, at St. Mark's
5/1 Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am	Worship Services
	9:50am	Sunday School—Health & Wellness activities
		GYG Car Wash and Plant Sale Pick Up
	3:00pm	Gateway Ringers Concert at GLC