

Easter Sunday

10:30

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We at St. Luke's dedicate
ourselves to grow in faith and
love, to serve together, and to
reach out with the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.



HE IS RISEN



(Rise)

OPENING PRAISE

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN~ 'Roll Away the Stone'

1. They have been saying all our plans are empty.
They have been saying "Where is their God now?"

Ref Roll away the stone, see the glory of God. Roll away the stone.
Roll away the stone, see the glory of God. Roll away the stone.

2. They have been saying no one will remember.
They have been saying power rules the world. **(Refrain)**
3. They have been saying no one hears the singing.
They have been saying all our strength is gone. **(Refrain)**
4. They have been saying "All of us are dying."
They have been saying "All of us are dead." **(Refrain)**

Roll away the stone, see the glory of God. Roll away the stone.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

C: He was buried in the tomb according to the plan of God.

P: He rose from the dead and appeared to many.

C: Christ being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him. Alleluia!

P: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope and promised new life through his resurrection

C: Because He lives we shall live also. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God's great mercy in Christ.

Silence for reflection

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful and ungrateful thoughts about our lives. We confess our hurtful words to others. We confess our selfish actions toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow as true disciples both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.

P: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has power over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have given us hope for life beyond death in the resurrection of Your Son. Help us focus our eyes on the things of first importance: the death and resurrection of Jesus for our forgiveness, and the new life we witness to others.

We pray this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(be seated)

WELCOME

OPENING SONG~ 'Champion of Love'

1 Solo Ladies and gentlemen,
 may I have your attention.
 I want to introduce to you,
 in this corner,
 of the good and the right.
 Stands a champion robed in white,
 his height exceeds the heavens.
 His weight, out ways the world,
 his reach reaches every where.
 His rein is ever more.

Chorus He is higher then the highest,
 Braver then the brave.
 No one will ever take his crown away,
 he's more mighty then the mightiest.
 He reigns from above.
 He's the all time undisputed,
 undefeated champion of love.

2 Solo He left his home town,
 to enter this arena.
 To raise his hands in victory for me,
 but an angry crowd crucified,
 this king who wore their crown.
 And they gladly watched a champion goin' down.
 But I will never count him out,

for I'm a witness of the day he'll rise to retain his title,
the Champion of love.

Chorus 2 He is higher than the highest,
Braver than the brave.
No one will ever take his crown away,
he's more mighty than the mightiest.
He reigns from above.

Chorus 3 He is higher than the highest,
braver than the brave,
no one will ever take his crown away.
He's more mighty than the mightiest,
he reigns from above,
he's the all time undisputed, undefeated champion,
all time undisputed champion undefeated champion
all time undisputed champion of love.

FIRST READING~ Job 19:23-27

²³"Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a
scroll,

²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in
rock forever!

²⁵I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand
upon the earth.

²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see
God;

²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes--I, and not another. How my
heart yearns within me!

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING~ John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG~ 'Miracle Child'

1 Solo I shouldn't be alive
 My future was six feet under
 One foot in the grave
 No hope to be saved
 I shouldn't be alive

2 Solo But I'm a miracle child
 Defied every diagnosis
 And as close as it came
 I can stand here and say
 I'm a miracle child

Chorus

All: Death where is your sting
 My Savior's word is final
 I am resurrected blood protected
 I am a miracle child

3 Solo If you're facing the odds
 If you think you're beyond His saving
 There's no life He can't raise
 No your wounds aren't too great
 He's a miracle God

4 Solo 'Cause He shouldn't be alive
 His body was six feet under
 Three days in the grave
 But that stone rolled away
 Yeah our God is alive

Chorus

All: Death where is your sting
 My Savior's word is final
 I am resurrected blood protected
 I am a miracle child – (repeat)

Bridge Solo You're the living breathing God of glory
 I'm a living breathing testimony
 You're the one who turns a dead end story
 To a living breathing testimony

**Bridge All You're the living breathing God of glory
I'm a living breathing testimony
You're the one who turns a dead end story
To a living breathing testimony**

Chorus

**All Death where is your sting
My Savior's word is final
I am resurrected blood protected
I am a miracle child (repeat)**

Ending Solo I've been crucified raised with Christ
I am a miracle child

MESSAGE

(Rise)OFFERTORY SONG~ 'Mercy' ~ Solo

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Please respond to 'Risen Savior,' with **'Lord, have mercy, Alleluia!'***

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Guests Please Note: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion; that as we participate in the sacrament we receive His body and blood. If you are confirmed and trust in Jesus and Savior and Lord and accept this understanding of communion you are invited to commune with us. There is a choice of individual or communion cup. You may choose a Gluten free wafer from the brass container as the host is served.

WORDS OF INVITATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.....This do in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray together as Jesus taught:

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.

THE PEACE & PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

DISTRIBUTION AND SONGS~ 'Hallelujah'

1. So early that morning, she came alone.
In awe of the angels who had rolled away the stone.
You need not be frightened, good news to you we bring,
He's risen to reign again, now let all creation sing!

Ref Hallelujah, our Lord Almighty reigns, Jesus Christ our Savior reigns.
Hallelujah, our Lord Almighty reigns, Our Lord, our King, our God.

2. Son of the Highest, faithful and true,
Lion of Judah, there is no one else like You;
You dazzle in brightness, crowns upon Your head,
You are the Word of God, the Beginning and the End. **(refrain 2x)**

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'God's Been Good' ~ Solo

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the faith, ever focused on the life we have received through the Holy Spirit because of Your beloved Son's glorious resurrection from the grave.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG~ 'Hallelujah Feeling'

1 – Solo Some days I climb the mountains
Some days I touch the clouds
Some days my best friend
Has been the cold hard ground
There's mercy new each morning
Comfort through the night
My eyes are fixed on Jesus
And I'm gonna be alright

Chorus 1 I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
I got that hallelujah feeling and it won't let go
I've been born again yes and amen
No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
Hallelujah hallelujah

2 – Solo Oh just because it's raining
Doesn't mean the sun won't shine
There's a season for the struggle
And a season for the prize
But my hope is never fading
'Cause it's anchored in the truth
My Father goes before me
And His joy will see me through

Chorus 2 I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
I got that hallelujah feeling and it won't let go
I've been born again yes and amen
No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

Bridge When everything is shaking
Got that solid rock like pavement
I might bend but I'm not breaking
(1st) I know who's on my side **(repeat bridge)**
(2nd) The Lord is on my side **(Chorus 1)**

Last time
Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

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(Rise)

BENEDICTION

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: **Amen. Yes, Amen!**

DISMISSAL

P: You have come again to the empty tomb. You are forgiven, and made new.

C: **We have passed out of death into life.**

P: Go now in peace and serve the Risen Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Christ is risen!

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