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*EASTER SUNDAY*  
**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
April 16, 2017

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**My Redeemer Lives!**

*Festival Choir, Orchestra, and Congregation*

*Choir*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation join to say Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavn's and earth reply, Alleluia!

*Congregation and Choir*

**Rejoice the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!**  
**Rejoice give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:**  
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!**  
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love:**  
**When he had purged our stains he took his seat above:**  
**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!**  
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

*Choir*

Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
I know he rescued my soul  
His blood, he covered my sin,  
I believe, I believe

My shame he's taken away  
My pain is healed in his name.  
I believe, I believe.

I'll raise a banner: my Lord has conquered the grave  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives

*Congregation and Choir*

**My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

**My Redeemer lives, me Redeemer lives**

*Choir*

You lift my burden, I rise with you.

I'm dancin' on this mountaintop to see your kingdom come.

*Congregation and Choir*

**My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

**My Redeemer lives, me Redeemer lives (repeat)**

*Interlude*

*Congregation and Choir*

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!**

**Foll'wing our exalted head, Alleluia!**

**Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!**

**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies Alleluia!**

*Choir*

Jesus Christ is risen!

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**DIALOGUE FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

**M** Christ is risen!

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

**M** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (*Psalms 118:24*)

**M** Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (*Ephesians 2:4-7*)

**C** **What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?** (*Romans 6:1*)

**M** Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (*Romans 6:3-4*)

**C** Since we have been raised with Christ, we set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**M** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

**C** **When Christ, who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.**

*(Collosians 3:1-4)*

**M** Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, the Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

**C** **Therefore, let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.**

*(1 Corinthians 5:6-7)*

**M** But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** **He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.** *(1 John 2:1-2)*

**M** Christ is risen!

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

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life.

**C** **You have raised us with him through baptism. Empower us to walk in newness of life, rejoicing continually in the sure and certain hope that we already share in his glory.**

**M** We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### LESSON

**Jonah 2:2-9**, Bible page 926

*Jonah's prayer*

#### ANTHEM

**See, What a Morning**, *Festival Choir and Orchestra*

*by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

*arr. by Greer*

HYMN OF THE DAY

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**  
*arr. by John A. Behnke*

*Soloist*

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!

*Congregation*

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

*Women*

**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.**

*Men*

**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.**

*Choir*

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.

*Congregation*

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly 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.**

*Choir:*

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.

*Congregation:*

**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!"**

EASTER MESSAGE

Matthew 28:1-15, Bible page 999

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

*Come Empty to an Empty Tomb to be Filled*

EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 15

M For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time.

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

M We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

**C For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.**

M When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

**C "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY (7:45 am and 9:15 am)  
(10:45 am)

Easter Overture, Easter Orchestra  
Because He Lives!

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the grace of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

C **When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**

M Remove the despair of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd, and embolden us to follow his promises. When tempted to feel hopeless, rekindle our trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

C **Wipe away tears born of death, and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness of compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**

M Walk among our church, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead.

C **Grant success to our schools as they equip the next generation for servant leadership and gospel proclamation. Inspire our church's youth to serve and live for you.**

*Special prayers may follow.*

M O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us. We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Congregation and Choir*

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of Love that still abounds,  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,  
Repeat their song of glory here,  
"Christ has triumphed, Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings,  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life,  
And by his presence stills all strife  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Choir*

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through your triumph,  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say,  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!!"  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!!"

*Congregation and Choir*

Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing,  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection.

C **Now we ask for the help of your power, that we may always give witness to the power of the resurrection in all we think, say and do.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

**PRESIDING MINISTER** *Pastor David Kuehl*

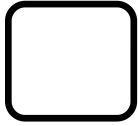
**ORGANIST** *Darik Mischke*



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

## Come Empty to an Empty Tomb to be Filled

Matthew 28:1-15, page 999

*“He has filled the hungry with good things  
but the rich he has sent away empty”*

**Mary the Mother of our Lord in Luke 1:53**

### 1. Come empty!

- The women came to the tomb e\_\_\_\_\_.
- The chief priests came to the tomb f\_\_\_\_\_.
- The lesson from Jonah... come e\_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Find the tomb empty!

- The empty tomb... just a story?
- The empty tomb f\_\_\_\_\_.
- The empty tomb c\_\_\_\_\_ by the condemned.

### 3. Leave the tomb full.

- Full of the Lord's c\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:20)
- Full of the Lord's p\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:18)
- Full of the Lord's l\_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:19)

## My Next Steps

- **Come with an empty heart:** Join us April 23 to let the empty tomb fill you with hope.
- **Come with empty hands:** Join us April 30 to let the empty tomb fill you with every gift you need.
- **Come with an empty life:** Join us May 7 to let the empty tomb fill your life with purpose even when everything you do seems monotonous.
- **Come with an empty home:** Join us on Mother's Day, May 14, to let the empty tomb fill your home with a vision of a perfect home.