



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

(*) Asterisk means, "Please stand as you are able."

Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

P: Alleluia! Christ has risen!
Christ has risen indeed, Alleluia!

One: Overwhelm us, O God.

All: Lift us from the ordinary, and overwhelm us with the wonder of this holy day.

One: Let our pulse quicken and our spirits soar.

All: Overwhelm us with a hope that springs out of darkness,

One: With light that sparkles through all the brokenness,

All: With peace that lasts beyond an instant and washes away worry,

One: With a glimpse of world harmony and our role in its shaping,

All: With joy that sets voices singing and our feet to tapping.

One: Overwhelm us, O God,

All: And lift us to the heights of praise.

*Opening Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Red #365 (organ)

**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!**

Women only:

**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!**

Men only:

**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!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

*Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

*Prayer of the Day

The Word of God

Children's Message and Song

Pastor Lapp

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Celebrate pg. 1

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Celebrate pg. 2

*Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8 Celebrate pg. 3

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th
chapter. (*The Gospel is read*)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Red #364

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

REFRAIN

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

**For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death under go,
And in its conquest his might did show. *REFRAIN***

**The angel said to them. "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave clothes are lying there." *REFRAIN***

The Communion Meal

* Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering— We honor and worship God by returning some of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Offertory Prayer

Giver of life,
**We bring to your table what we have, gifts from you,
the one who makes all things new.
With these signs we bring ourselves,
that we may carry to the world
the love of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God

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

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Prayer of Preparation

Let us prepare our hearts to receive God's grace by confessing our sin and need of forgiveness.

**Creator of the heavens, Maker of each small thing,
what a wondrous universe
you have spread before us.**

Each day overflows with the richness of life:

with growing green and bursting blossom,
with relationships which nurture and challenge,
with missions accomplished
and justice to be done.
Each day is full of your meaning,
and yet many times we do not see this.

With much around us to be done,
we complain of boredom,
or we are so busy
we lose track of your presence and calling.
Too often we hurry around
without appreciation, delight,
or much sense of purpose.
Call us, O God, out of apathy and spiritual poverty
and into the richness of life lived in love.
Move us toward you and one another
as we receive your grace together now. Amen.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever.
Amen

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all is ready!

(You may be seated)

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

"What Feast of Love" Red #487

**What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

**3. What wine of love is offered here,
what holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?**

**This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

"Be Not Afraid" Red #388 (Sing 4 times)

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!**

The Sending

*Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray:

In this meal, O God, you have strengthened us
by the risen life of your Son.

Send us by your Spirit to live
in peace with one another
and to renew your whole creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

*Benediction

P: God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
Make you stand strong in faith.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

P: Jesus Christ, triumphant over the grave,
Make you bold to tell the good news.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

P: The Spirit of truth abide with you
And guide you into paths of service.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

*Closing Hymn *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

Red #367 Organ

**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! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Women only:

**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!**

Men only:

**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!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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!**

*Dismissal

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Go in the power of the Spirit.
Proclaim the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Serving Today

Videographers — Kent Madsen & Barbara Rice

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Trumpet — Nathan Lapp

Prayer Concerns

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Kirstin Csik ~ *in memory of Jerry & Diane and Tib & Dottie*

Paul & Connie Cunningham ~ *to all our family members*

Becky & Lindsey Cramer ~ *in honor of loved ones*

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Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the spirit.

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