



## **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

Member Parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1908  
2200 Lee Street (in Five Points) Columbia, South Carolina

### **Vigil of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

**30 March 2024**

#### **This Evening's Hymns**

*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*.....LSB 601  
*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*.....LSB 458  
*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*.....LSB 475  
*All the Earth With Joy is Sounding*.....LSB 462

**The Vigil of Easter**, which is celebrated at the end of Holy Saturday as the conclusion to the sacred Triduum, ushers in the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. The Vigil of Easter connects the days of Holy Week, especially Holy Thursday and Good Friday, with the culminating celebration of the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

In some places throughout the early centuries of the Church's life, the people of God would hold vigil, which means "to keep watch," through the night in expectation of Christ's return. A vigil in expectation of Christ's return at Easter became a common feature of the celebration of His crucifixion and resurrection. The vigil consisted of prayer, psalms and hymns, and readings, especially from the Old Testament, culminating in the celebration of the resurrection at dawn with the Lord's Supper. As the Church gathered in vigil, she waited in hopeful expectation for the appearance of the resurrected Christ in those most recently born in Him, the newly baptized. During the vigil, those who had prepared throughout Lent to be joined to Christ were baptized. At the dawn of the new day at Easter sunrise, the newly baptized joined the entire Church in the chorus of Alleluias at Christ's resurrection from the dead.

## **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

† In The Name of Jesus †

## Service of Light

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor traces the cross on the candle while saying:*

**P** Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, and then traces the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on the candle while saying:  
the Alpha and the Omega.

*He traces the year on the candle, saying:*

His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

*He puts the five wax nails into the candle, saying:*

By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*Then, lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire, he says:*

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*All light their candles from the paschal candle and then follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.*

*Three times the paschal candle stops and the following is chanted:*

**A** The light of Christ.



**C** Thanks be to God.

*After the candle bearer places the paschal candle in its stand, the assistant turns to face the people and chants or speaks the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet).*

**A** Rejoice now, ...

### **+Preface For the Vigil of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

### **+Easter Proclamation**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ....

**C** **Amen.**

*All may extinguish their candles at this time. The paschal candle remains lighted throughout the service. A few lights in the nave may be turned on.  
Sit*

# Service of Readings

**P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

*After each of the readings:*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**G Thanks be to God.**

*A brief silence for meditation is observed.*

**P** Let us pray...

**G Amen.**

- + **First Lesson**.....The Creation.....Genesis 1:1- 2:3
- + **Second Lesson**.....The Flood.....Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
- + **Third Lesson**.....The Testing of Abraham.....Genesis 22:1-18
- + **Fourth Lesson**.....Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea.....Exodus 14:10 - 15:1
- + **Fifth Lesson** .....Salvation Offered Freely to All.....Isaiah 55:1-11
- + **Sixth Lesson** .....A New Heart and a New Spirit.....Ezekiel 36:24-28
- + **Seventh Lesson** ..The Valley of Dry Bones.....Ezekiel 37:1-14
- + **Eighth Lesson**.....The Gathering of God's People.....Zephaniah 3:12-20
- + **Ninth Lesson**.....The Fiery Furnace.....Daniel 3:1-30

# Service of Holy Baptism

*The Service of Holy Baptism is always used at the vigil as a remembrance of Baptism. The pastor addresses the congregation.*

+ **Entering Hymn**.....*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*.....LSB 601  
**(Stanza 1)**

*During the canticle, the candle bearer carries the paschal candle to the font, follow*

- P** On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ ...
  
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, .....
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- C** **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

+ **Hymn** .....*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*.....LSB 601  
**(Stanza 2)**

# Service of Prayer

## +Litany of the Resurrection

- A** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C** **hear us.**
- A** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,  
**C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By Your victory over sin and death,  
**C** **good Lord, deliver us.**

- A** By the majesty of Your risen body,  
**C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** We poor sinners implore You  
**C** **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- A** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,  
**C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,  
**C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,  
**C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **grant us Your peace.**
- A** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy. Amen.**



# Service of the Word

## + Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## + This Is the Feast (Setting One)

LSB 155


*Refrain*




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



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




1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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



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

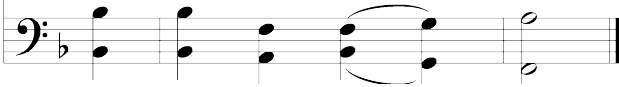
**+ Salutation and Collect**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray. O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**+Gospel Reading.....*Mathew 28:1-7***

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to be to Thee, O Lord.**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**+Hymn of the Day.....*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*.....*LSB 458***

**+Homily**

## Service of the Sacrament

**+ Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**+ Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

+ Sanctus

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

+ The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

LSB 957

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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

+ Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

+ Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen

+ Distribution

*Stand*

+ Hymn ..... *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* ..... LSB 475

+ Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** and His mercy endureth forever.

+ Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

**A** Let us pray. **C** Amen.  
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.  
**A** Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

+ Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

+ Hymn to Depart ..... *All the Earth with Joy is Sounding* ..... LSB 462

**Join Us Again for Worship  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord  
Sunday, March 31, 2024  
10:30 AM**

