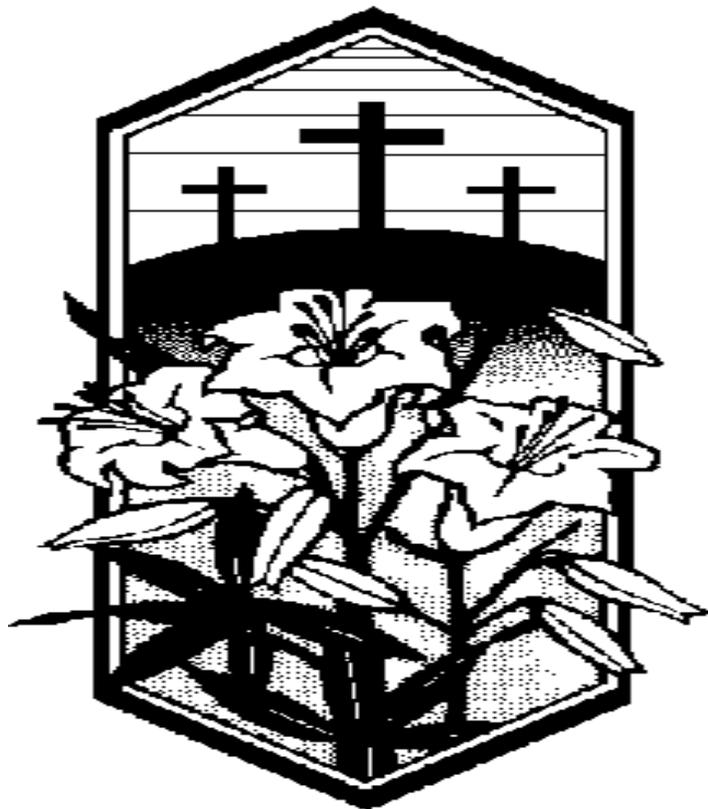


He Lives!



Easter SONrise Worship

April 17th, 2022

Celebrating Our Lord's Resurrection!

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A Warm Welcome to You from your Friends
in Christ here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church

In the name of Jesus we extend a sincere and warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. We pray your spiritual life will be strengthened through our Lord's Word. We ask that all families present in worship – both our members and our guests – please fill out the Record of Fellowship book when they are passed around during the Offering. We are happy you joined us for worship today and invite you to return soon.

An Invitation

If you are not actively involved in a church home or have recently moved into our area, we invite you to become a part of our family. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew, you may note your wishes on the Record of Fellowship book or call the church office (281-443-2304). We will be happy to answer your questions and make whatever arrangements are necessary.

Sunday Schedule

Fellowship	8:30 am
Sunday School & Bible Class	8:45 am
Sunday Divine Service	10:00 am

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday and at other special services. **Guests, please read "Our Practice of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper" on the pew insert behind the Bible, and announce personally to the pastor before partaking of the Lord's Supper.**

The Gathering of First Fruits, Tithes & Offerings

Our First Fruits & Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God's love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.

A Service of Praise for the Resurrection

Pastor: He is Risen!

Congregation: He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The Opening Hymn #481—*Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom*

(1) Scatter the darkness, break the gloom;
Sun, reveal an empty tomb
Shining with joy for all our sorrows,
Hope and peace for all tomorrows,
Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread:
Christ has risen from the dead!

(2) Bearing the standard from on high
As the Lamb of God to die
He who for us, so cruelly treated,
Lives again—our foes defeated!
Where is your sting, O death and grave?
Christ has shown His strength to save!

(3) Banners of triumph, be unfurled!
Trumpets, sound throughout the world!
Crying and sighs, give way to singing:
Life from death, our Lord is bringing!
Let there begin the jubilee—
Christ has gained the victory!

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Introit

Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become my sal- | vation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;*

you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,*
the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.*
The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The Collect of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 14:10-15:16

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

¹⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians

into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

^{15:1}Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

^{6b}Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet

they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.
¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

#467 - Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

- (1) Awake, my heart, with gladness,
 See what today is done;
 Now, after gloom and sadness,
 Comes forth the glorious sun.
 My Savior there was laid
 Where our bed must be made
 When to the realms of light
 Our spirit wings its flight.
- (2) The foe in triumph shouted
 When Christ lay in the tomb;
 But lo, he now is routed,
 His boast is turned to gloom.
 For Christ again is free;
 In glorious victory
 He who is strong to save
 Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- (3) This is a sight that gladdens—
 What peace it doth impart!
 Now nothing ever saddens
 The joy within my heart.

No gloom shall ever shake,
 No foe shall ever take
 The hope which God's own Son
 In love for me has won.

- (4) Now hell, its prince, the devil,
 Of all their pow'r are shorn;
 Now I am safe from evil,
 And sin I laugh to scorn.
 Grim death with all its might
 Cannot my soul affright;
 It is a pow'rless form,
 Howe'er it rave and storm.
- (5) The world against me rages,
 Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages,
 Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free,
 No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play,
 And night is bright as day.
- (6) Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow Him through all.
- (7) He brings me to the portal
 That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified."

The Sermon

I AM the Resurrection and the Life
John 11:17-27 (esp. v. 25)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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. Amen

First Fruits, Tithes, & Offerings

Hymn of Response

#468—*I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives*

(1) I am content! My Jesus ever lives,
In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,
God's wrath He has appeased.
Since He in death could perish never,
I also shall not die forever.
I am content!
I am content!

(2) I am content! My Jesus is my head;
His member I shall be.
He bowed His head when on the cross He died
With cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection
For me by Jesus' resurrection.
I am content!
I am content!

(3) I am content! My Jesus is my light,
My radiant sun of grace.

His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation
And everlasting exultation.
I am content!
I am content!

(4) I am content! At length I shall be free,
Awakened from the dead,
Arising glorious evermore to be
With You, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever;
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content!
I am content!

The Prayers

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition . . . P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor (⌘) and give you His peace.
C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn

#469—*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

(1)“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.

(2)Love’s redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

(3)Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

(4) Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

(5)Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll’wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

(6) Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

✠ **To God Be the Glory** ✠

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

**Please join us for breakfast
in the fellowship hall
immediately following
this service.**

**Sunday School and Bible Class
will begin at 8:45 am.
Adult Bible Class will be
meeting in the sanctuary.**

**Divine Service with the Lord’s Supper
will begin at 10:00 am.**

- ✠ There is only one true God (John 17:3), the Triune God, one God in three persons, as is clear from the command of Jesus to baptize “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)
- ✠ The Bible is the Word of God. We reject any thought that makes only part of Scripture of God’s Word, or that allows for the possibility of factual error in Scripture.
- ✠ Jesus, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is the only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
- ✠ A person is justified by faith without the deeds of the law (Romans 3:28)
- ✠ Faith in Jesus is a living force within the Christian that will produce works that are pleasing to God. “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead” (James 2:17)



For more information on our beliefs, please inquire about our Instruction Classes.



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