

# Celebrate



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*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life*

Contemporary Worship Service

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 • 8:45 A.M.



## GATHERING

**Gathering Song** – “Because He Lives (Amen),” Chris Tomlin,  
Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher,  
and William J. Gaither

1. I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

Chorus: Amen, amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen, amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives

2. I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away (*chorus*)

Bridge: I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand (*chorus 2x*)

## **Welcome and Easter Proclamation**

Good morning!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome to Easter worship  
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
in Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
and to this festive celebration  
of the resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome to all  
who are in the room with us;  
we invite you to use your voices today  
in song and prayer.  
And welcome to all  
who join us on television  
or Facebook Live—  
you'll participate as the Spirit moves you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let's worship our risen Lord.

*The assembly stands.*

**Gathering Song** – “Today Tomorrow, and Forever,” AJ Pruis, Chris Rohma,  
Dustin Lolli, and Mark Graalman

1. Through every trial  
Through every circumstance  
Still Your mercy covers me  
Through every battle  
I don't have to understand  
Still I lift my voice and sing

Chorus: Today tomorrow and forever I will live for You  
Today tomorrow and forever I will worship You

2. You have been faithful  
You have been kind to me  
You hold my future in Your hands  
When the world's shaking  
The ground beneath my feet  
You're the solid rock on which I stand (*chorus*)

Bridge: I'll worship You on the mountain and the valley  
I'll worship You in the calm and in the storm

Ending: Today, tomorrow, and forever I will worship You  
Oh I will worship You  
Jesus I worship You

*The assembly remains standing.*

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Beloved in Christ, by Jesus' death  
God forever destroyed the power of death  
and raised Jesus to new life.

In our baptisms,  
we are joined to Christ—  
in his dying,  
and in his rising again.

Our eternal life begins today.

**We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

It is by these baptismal waters that we live.  
In these waters, O God,  
you have drowned everything  
that separates us from you.

**We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

You lead us to these waters  
for refreshment, again and again,  
as a Good Shepherd leads the sheep.

**We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

At these waters we touch eternity,  
life forevermore.  
Here, we drink deeply from your healing fountain.

**We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

Every time we turn to these waters,  
we remember:  
here, you have destroyed our sin.  
Today and every day, we belong to you.

**We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world. Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the Lord  
be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Song of Praise** – “Celebrate Jesus,” Gary Oliver

Chorus: Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate!

Verse: He is risen, He is risen  
And He lives forevermore.  
He is risen, He is risen;  
Come on and celebrate  
The resurrection of our Lord! (*chorus, verse, chorus*)

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

**Reading** – 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

*The assembly stands.*

**Gospel** – John 20:1–18

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

*The assembly stands.*

**Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Song of the Day** – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,” Charles Wesley,  
arr. Travis Cottrell

1. Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia  
Our triumphant holy day. Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Alleluia
2. Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting? Alleluia  
Dying once He all doth save. Alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave? Alleluia

3. Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won. Alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia  
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia
4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia  
Following our exalted Head. Alleluia  
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia

### Prayers of Intercession

*The assembly is seated.*

### Offering

Invitation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

All of creation resounds with good news:

the tomb is empty;

God's love triumphs over death.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering Song – “How Great Medley,” arr. Denny Gale

The splendor of the King

Robed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God.

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;

Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing how great is our God. *(repeat)*

Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Offering Prayer

God of life and hope,

**we have brought our gifts today because we are grateful beyond words for your love, which has washed away our sin and made us your own.**

**Now bless these gifts and use them in this ministry we share so that all may know you and the life-giving power of your love and grace. Amen.**

## MEAL

*The assembly stands.*

### Holy Communion

Setting the Table

Words of Institution

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.**

**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.**

The Invitation

*The assembly is seated.*

Communion Song – “Come to the Table,” Ben Glover, Ben McDonald, and Dave Frey

1. We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in

Pre-Chorus: Just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us

Chorus : (He said) come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table

2. Come meet this motley crew of misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near

Chorus: Come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table. Come to the table.

Bridge: To the thief and to the doubter  
To the hero and the coward  
To the pris'ner and the soldier  
To the young and to the older  
All who hunger all who thirst  
All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princes  
All who've failed you've been forgiven

Final Chorus: Come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table. Come to the table.

Communion Song – “Beautiful Savior,” *traditional*

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man,  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul,  
my joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows. Fair are the woodlands.  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.  
Jesus is fairer. Jesus is purer. He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine. Fair is the moonlight.  
Bright the sparkling stars on high.  
Jesus shines brighter. Jesus shines purer than all  
the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man.  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore  
be thine!

Prayer after the Meal

Dear God,  
we see now the truth about you.  
**Your love for us is without limit.**

In the hope of the empty tomb  
and possessed by grace,  
**we pray for courage and faith.**

Empower us to be Easter-forever people.  
**Embrace us with your love. Amen.**

## SENDING

### Sending and Blessing

May God, who puts all things together,  
makes all things whole,  
Who made a lasting mark through the sacrifice of Jesus,  
the sacrifice of blood that sealed the eternal covenant,  
Who led Jesus, our Great Shepherd,  
up and alive from the dead,  
Now put you together, provide you  
with everything you need to please him,  
Make us into what gives him most pleasure,  
by means of the sacrifice of Jesus, the Messiah.  
All glory to Jesus forever and always!

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**Sending Song** – “Love Found Me,” Tyler Hall, Dave Hanbury,  
Jason Ingram, Mike Tenkate, and Rich Thompson

1. There's no better days than these.  
There's something in the air.  
It's coming over me.  
It feels like I'm awakening  
to a brand new day of hope,  
seeing things I've never seen.  
This is what I've been looking for.

Chorus: I found love and love found me.  
Broke through my heart and set me free.  
And now I know that I'm complete,  
'cause I found love and love found me.  
Singin' yeah, yeah, yeah,  
love found me.  
Singin' yeah, yeah, yeah,  
love found me.

2. There's a peace I've come to know,  
And it's holding on to me  
like an anchor to my soul.  
And now that I am free,  
I'll shout for all to hear  
this song inside of me.  
This is what I've been looking for. (*chorus*)

Bridge: Oh, how this love is real  
no matter what they say.  
Oh, how this love will steal  
ev'ry heart it saves.

Chorus 2: I found love and love found me  
Broke through my heart and set me free.  
And now I know that I'm complete  
'cause I found love and love found me.  
I found love and love found me.  
Broke through my heart and set me free



And now I know that I'm complete  
'cause I found love and love found me.  
Singin' yeah, yeah, yeah,  
love found me.  
Singin' yeah, yeah, yeah,  
love found me.

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