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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER



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Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright – No. 384

Vs. 1

**That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**

Vs. 2

**O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

Vs. 3

**O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

Vs. 4

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

Kyrie

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

...Help, save, comfort, and defend
us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Song Of Praise
This is the Feast – Page 193

Refrain

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are his. *Refrain***

**Vs. 2 Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Refrain***

**Vs. 3 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia. *Refrain***

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

***Refrain: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

² **Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the
tents | of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the Lord. R**

18 The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

19 **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate | of the Lord;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

21 **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation. R**

22 The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

23 **By the Lord has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

24 **This is the day that the | Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R**

***Refrain: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Blessed are those who |
have not seen* and yet have
come | to believe. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading

Word of God, word of life.
Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day
Touch That Soothes and Heals – No. 939

Vs. 1

**Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead**

Refrain

**"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.**

**"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."**

Vs. 2

**Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there. *Refrain***

Vs. 3

**Love and serve without distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased. *Refrain***

Vs. 4

**Hands that beckon little children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen , still reveal. *Refrain***

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Merciful God,
Hear our prayer

Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ
be with you always.

And also with you.



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Offering Song

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing – No. 386

Vs. 1

**O sons and daughters, let us sing
with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king:
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!**

Vs. 2

**That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!**

Vs. 3

**An angel clad in white they see,
who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!**

Vs. 4

**That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their master dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!**

Vs. 5

**When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!**

Vs. 6

**"My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!**

Vs. 7

**No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!**

Vs. 8

**How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!**

Vs. 9

**On this most holy day of days,
be laud and jubilee and praise:
to God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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. 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.

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion Songs

Now The Green Blade Rises – No. 379

Vs. 1

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

Vs. 2

**In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

Vs. 3

**Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

Vs. 4

**When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

Christ is Living – No. 934

Vs. 1 *Solo*

**Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
hear the living water flow:
quenching spring and cleansing pool,
healing river, clear and cool.
How fresh it falls upon your face,
streaming from the font of grace.**

Vs. 2

**Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
bold in pleading, bright with praise.
Weep no more, your God has come;
greet the wounded, risen One,
who blesses you with joy complete,
dwelling in the Word of peace.**

Vs. 3

**Lift up your hearts, your great Amen;
Mercy feeds her guests again:
bread enough to break and share,
festive wine that scents the air.
Oh, taste and see what once was lost
rising in this feast of love.**

Vs. 4

**Behold, the Spirit here abides,
bearing God's abundant life:
peace between you, love within,
grace beside you loos'ning sin.
Beloved, Christ among you stands,
moving through your hearts and hands.**

Be Not Afraid – No. 388

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

Sending Song

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen – No. 375

Refrain

**Alleluia! Christ is arisen.
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.**

Vs. 1

**Run, faithful women, to the grave-side.
Marvel, the stone is rolled away!
Hear from the angel, "He is risen."
Christ goes before you all the way. *Refrain***

Vs. 2

**Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;
Christ stands before your very eyes.
Quickly return to the disciples;
bear the good news: "He is alive." *Refrain***

Vs. 3

**Gather, disciples, in the evening:
suddenly Christ your Lord appears.**

"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior.

Peace be with you, and do not fear." *Refrain*

Vs. 4

Thomas, where were you on that evening?

"I'll not believe unless I see."

Christ comes again, and ev'ry Lord's day:

"Touch me and see; have faith in me." *Refrain*

Refrain

Alleluia! Christ is arisen.

Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.

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