



# **The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Dawn**

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 6:30 AM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam, WI

## **Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd!**

It is our privilege to have you here today! We are especially delighted to welcome any guests who are with us. May the Holy Spirit bless your worship and fill your heart with peace, joy, and faith in your Savior Jesus Christ. Please introduce yourself, complete your Connect card, and worship with us again soon!

- Restrooms (with changing stations) are located in the hallway toward the gym, and the nursery is located right next to the sanctuary entrance.
- Children's bulletins, sermon notes sheets, digital offering cards, offering plates, and hand sanitizer are located on tables in the church entryway.
- If you have any questions about our congregation's ministries or facilities, please ask an usher for assistance. If you are looking for a church home or have questions about what we believe and teach, please speak to our pastor.

### **Theme of Today's Worship:**

**Resurrection Reality: Without the Resurrection, Faith Is Futile**

## **The Order of Service**

### **The Easter Greeting**

*Please stand as the bells ring.*

**M(inister):** Christ is risen!

**C(ongregation):** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**M:** As the sun rises on this new day, we gather to celebrate the rising of the Son of God from the dark night of death. Alleluia! Let us praise our living Lord!

♫ **Opening Hymn: CW93 #159, Morning Breaks upon the Tomb**

*The hymn is printed on p. 10 in the service folder.*

M: [Jesus Christ our Lord] through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead. *Romans 1:4*

**C: He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.** *Romans 4:25*

♪ **Hymn Response: #471, Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

1. **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! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

M: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.

**C: The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”** *John 11:25-26*

♪ **Hymn Response: #471, Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

2. **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!**

M: Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,

**C: that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!**

M: I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

**C: I myself will see him with my own eyes – I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!** *Job 19:23-27*

♪ **Hymn Response: #471, Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer thro' 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!

M: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

**C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. *1 Corinthians 15:54, 57-58*

♪ **Hymn Response: #471, Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

4. 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!

## **The Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray together.

**C: Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Mixed Choir Anthem: A Festive Introit for Easter

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

*The prophet foresees the resurrection reality. The LORD would destroy the shroud of death and dry every tear from the faces of his people.*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

### The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 30, *CW:Supplement* p. 43


*The Congregation will sing the psalm together.*

*Refrain*



Je - sus Christ is ris - en to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Psalm Tone*



Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;  
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;

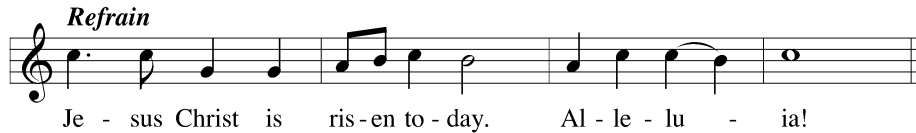
weeping may remain for a night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

*Refrain*



To you, O LORD, I called;  
to the Lord I cried for mercy:  
“Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;  
O LORD, be my help.”  
You turned my wailing into dancing,  
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.** ~ *Gloria Patri*



*Following the psalm, we pause in silent meditation to praise Jesus for his mighty victory; to thank our gracious God for the gift of our resurrection faith; to remember those brothers and sisters in Christ who have left this life; and to seek ongoing help and strength from the God of all grace to enable us to continue to run the race so that we might receive the crown of victory which has been stored up for us in heaven.*

## **The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23**

*St. Paul explains that if Christ has not been raised, our faith is useless.*

<sup>12</sup> If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

## **The Verse of the Day: Psalm 118:24**

*The Congregation will speak the verse together.*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

## **The Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18**

*The women and the disciples were crushed, because a dead savior is no savior at all. Christ's resurrection changed everything.*

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to our risen Christ!**

♪ **The Hymn of the Day: #469, Welcome, Happy Morning**

*The hymn is printed on p. 11 in the service folder.*

**The Sermon: Job 19:23-27**

The Empty Tomb: A Place of Life

**Our Easter Confession of Faith**

M: What does Jesus’ resurrection mean for you?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.**



All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true!

## **The Prayer of the Church**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C:** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Blessing**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen!**

**M:** Christ is risen!

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

### **♪ The Closing Hymn: #450, The Day of Resurrection**

*The hymn is printed on p. 12 in the service folder.*



## The Offering

*The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church give offerings to show love and thanks to God for doing so much for them, as well as to support the Lord's work here in Beaver Dam and around the world. **If you have an offering to give, please place it in one of the plates at the doors to the sanctuary as you leave after the service. Thank you!***



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## CW93 Hymn #159, Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb



1 Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus  
2 You who are of death a - fraid, Tri - umph  
3 Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your



scat - ters all its gloom. Day of tri - umph through  
in the scat - tered shade. Drive your anx - ious cares  
un - be - liev - ing fears. Look on his de - sert -



the skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.  
a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.  
ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

# Hymn #469, Welcome, Happy Morning



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;  
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,  
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"  
God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.  
all that now is fall - en raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!  
of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,  
Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;  
Show your face in bright - ness; shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.  
man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.  
this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.  
as in E - den's gar - den when the world be - gan.

## *Refrain*



"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

## Hymn #450, The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

### **Easter Festival Worship Service**

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am

*Breakfast will be served by Fellowship Team #1 between services.*