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Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Jesus Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed!

L: The stone which the builders rejected,

C: has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord's doing,

C: and it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, worship him with gladness,

C: come before him with joyful song.

L: For Jesus Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed!

Hymn No.365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

V1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did
once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

V2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

V3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

V4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise
him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Greeting and Sharing of the Peace

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Please welcome one another to worship as you share the peace.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading John 3:1-5 (Pages 863-864)

Second Reading

John 16:16-22 (Page 879)

Third Reading John 13:31-35 (Page 877)

Hymn No.376 (vs. 1 & 2) “Thine Is the Glory!”

V1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

V2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for
the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Fourth Reading John 20:1-18 (Pages 882-883)

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No.619 (vs. 1 & 2)

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

V1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He
lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

V2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalt-
ed, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No.855 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

V1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the
heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

V3. Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

V4. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious
in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died,
eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

C: 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 Church

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offertory Hymn No.186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

V1: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-in me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day, you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving Pages 107 & 108

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Page 112

L: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: 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.

Distribution Hymns

Communion Hymn No. 826

"Thine the Amen"

Communion Hymn No. 379

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Communion Hymn No. 369

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

Prayer after Communion

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 367

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

V1. 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! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V2. 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!

V3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above

that we conquer through 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!

V4. 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!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

The Staff of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church would like to wish all members and visitors a very Happy Easter.