

## Easter Sunday

**Choir Processional:** "Victimae Paschali"

### Unveiling of the Cross

**The Opening Hymn:** 457 ss. 1-4

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### The Invocation

**PASTOR:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**CONG.....** Amen.

### The Introit of the Day

*Matt. 28:6a, 7b; Ps. 118:1-2, 13, 21-22, 24, 26*

**PASTOR:** Alleluia. Christ has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

**CONG.....** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**PASTOR:** Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

**CONG.....** I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me.

**PASTOR:** I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

**CONG.....** The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone:

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

**CONG.....** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, from the house of the Lord we bless you.

**ALL.....** 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.

**PASTOR:** Alleluia, Christ has risen, as he said.

**CONG.....** He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

### The Confession

**PASTOR:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**CONG.....** 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.

### The Absolution

**PASTOR:** 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**CONG.....** Amen.

## **The Hymn of Praise:** 461 ss. 1-8

1 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.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives; my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives.

### **PASTOR: The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and the grave 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. Amen.

### **The Old Testament Reading:** Job 19:23-27

**PASTOR:** "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

**Choir:** "Worthy Is Christ"

### **The Epistle:** COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

**PASTOR:** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**CONG.....** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

**PASTOR:** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**CONG.....** When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### **The Holy Gospel:** ST. LUKE 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why

do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb, stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

### **The Sermon Hymn:** 465 ss. 1-4

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!

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!

3 O 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!

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 Sermon:** "This Morning of Light and Life" Col. 3:1-4

### **The Post-Sermon Hymn:** 525 ss. 1-5

1 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.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem.

3 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 wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

4 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.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above. Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

### **Confession of Faith - *The Formula of Concord* Concerning Original Sin**

We believe, teach, and confess that original sin is not a slight corruption of human nature, but that it is so deep a corruption that nothing sound or uncorrupted has survived in man's body or soul, in his inward or outward powers. It is as the church sings, "Through Adam's fall man's nature and essence are all corrupt."

This damage is so unspeakable that it may not be

recognized by a rational process, but only from God's word.

No one except God alone can separate the corruption of our nature from the nature itself. This will take place wholly by way of death in the resurrection. Then the nature which we now bear will arise and live forever, without original sin and completely separated and removed from it, as Job 19:26 & 27 asserts, *"I shall be covered by this my skin, and in my flesh I shall see God; him I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold him."*

**We kneel for The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

**The Choir:** "Hallelujah" Handel

### **The Benediction**

**PASTOR:** 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 peace.

**CONG sing..** Amen.