

# OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE TRIDUUM THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER



THIS IS THE NIGHT OF NIGHTS. We are ushered into the holy season of the Great Fifty Days of Easter wherein we celebrate our new life in the victorious Savior!

Tonight, indeed, is the night of nights.

The Vigil Service consists of four parts. ***The Service of Light*** symbolizes the Light of Him who overcame the darkness of evil and enlightens our hearts with God's grace. ***The Service of the Word*** proclaims the Lord's Word for our faith. ***The Service of Holy Baptism*** celebrates the Sacrament and reaffirms our Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. Normally, ***The Service of the Holy Eucharist*** would be celebrated, but due to the current quarantine requirements, the congregation will be abstaining.

BLESS US, LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, WORKING  
THROUGH YOUR WORD AND SACRAMENTS,  
TO THE GLORY OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

# ✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF LIGHT ✠

**Kindling of a New Fire**

**Invocation and the Call to Gather in Vigil and Prayer**

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

**Procession of the Paschal Candle**

*In the nave, at the chancel, the following versicle and response is sung three times.*



*The light of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Easter Proclamation**

*Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.*

**L**



The Lord be with you.

**C**



And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

*It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

- P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### Reading

“The Creation” Genesis 1:1–2:2

*After the Reading:*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God



**C** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,  
 Your faithfulness | to the clouds.  
 Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;  
 Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O LORD.  
 How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!  
 The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.  
 They feast on the abundance | of your house.  
 and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.  
 For with you is the foun- | tain of life;  
 In your light do | we see light.  
 Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who | know you,  
 and your righteousness to the up- | right of heart!  
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,  
 And to the Holy | Spirit  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,  
 is now and will be forever. | Amen.

## Collect

**P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and  
 through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your  
 mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even  
 Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## Reading

“Israel’s Deliverance at the Red Sea” Exodus 14:10–15:1

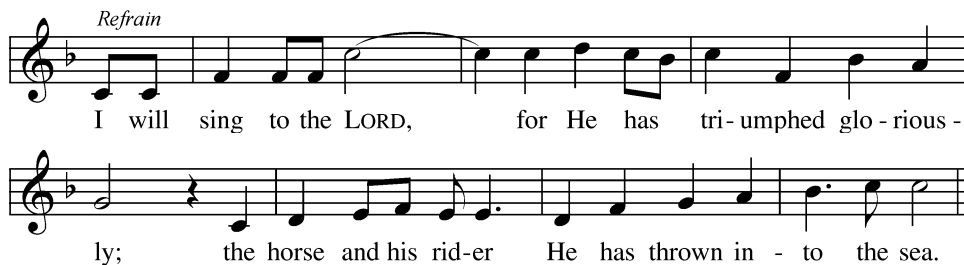
*After the Reading:*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Response

“Song of Moses and Israel” (LSB 925)

*Choir: Refrain; Congregation: Refrain*



*The Lord is my strength | and my song  
and He has become my sal- | vation;*

**This is my God, and I will | praise Him,  
my father's God, and I will ex- | alt Him. (REFRAIN)**

*The Lord is a | man of war  
the LORD | is His name.*

**Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast in- | to the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the | Red Sea.**

*The floods | covered them  
they went down into the depths | like a stone.*

**Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,  
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy. (REFRAIN)**

*Who is like You, O LORD, a- | mong the gods?  
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing | wonders?*

**You stretched out Your | right hand;  
the earth | swallowed them.**

*You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed;  
You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho- | ly abode.*

**You bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,  
the place, O LORD, which You have made for | Your abode,**

*The sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have es- | tablished  
The LORD will reign forever and | ever.*

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. (REFRAIN)**

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## Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Reading

“Divine Rescue in a Test of Faith” Daniel 3:1-29

*After the Reading:*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Response “All You Works of God, Bless the Lord” (LSB 930 / Stanza 5: Choir)

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!

All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,

Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:  
*Refrain*

Raise your voice - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Raise your voice - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 *Come, humanity, sing along,  
Sing, you people of God, a song;  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,  
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain*

6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;  
All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore,  
Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

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## Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and live and die in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

# ✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

## Apostolic Testimony Concerning Holy Baptism

### Thanksgiving for Water

**P**   
The Lord be with you.

**C**   
And al-so with you.

**P**   
Lift up your hearts.

**C**   
We lift them to the Lord.

**P**   
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**   
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, we give You thanks, for in the beginning Your Spirit moved over the waters and You created heaven and earth. By the gift of water, You nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood You condemned the wicked and saved those whom You had chosen, Noah and His family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan You Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of His own death and resurrection, Your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to His command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (*The minister blows upon the water.*) Pour out Your Holy Spirit so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those



who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of Your glorious kingdom. To You be given praise and honor and worship through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Renunciation and Profession of Faith as a Remembrance of Baptism

**P** In Holy Baptism we are forgiven our sins and granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you: Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises and works and ways?

**C** I do renounce them.

*During the creed, water from the font is sprinkled upon the ministers and assistants  
by means of an evergreen bough as a reminder and sign of our Baptism into  
Christ Jesus and into his death and resurrection.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, 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.

**P** Is it your earnest purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

**C** Yes, with the help of God.

**P** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

*The Paschal Candle returns to the chancel.*

## Easter Proclamation

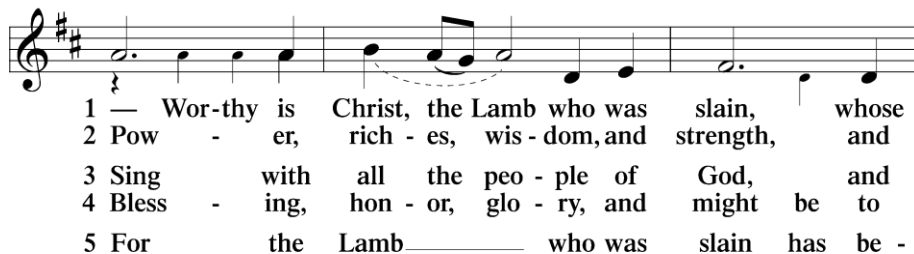
**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!


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

## Hymn of Praise

“This Is the Feast”

*As the body of Christ joyfully sings, worshipers with finger bells are invited to ring them along with the peal of the bell tower throughout the hymn, in praise of our Triune God.*





blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Easter Proclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## Alleluia and Verse

“Festival Alleluia” J. Chepponis

*Choir: Alleluia Refrain; Congregation: Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Kantor: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

**Congregation: Refrain**

## Holy Gospel

Saint Mark 16:1-8

*The Word of the Gospel is read from the center of the nave, symbolic of our commission to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ into the world, to the ends of the earth.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*After the Reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Concluding Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

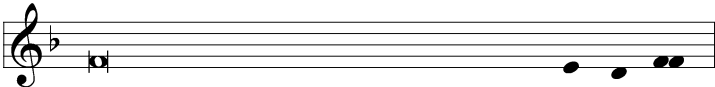
**P** Let us pray.

O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection.

Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction



**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn at the Retiring Procession

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB 461)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and  
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion  
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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*Please bow your head in reverence to Christ our King as the processional crucifix passes your pew.*

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠