

Mon Isaiah 12 Easter won't ever be over, for Jesus is still alive after He absorbed all of God's justifiable anger against mankind. His self-sacrifice was an *excellent* thing to do, for He and He alone could bear the sin burden all the way into the grave and come out the other side alive and well. Hallelujah!

Isaiah 25:6-9 Jesus was bitten by death, and it killed Him. Some hours later, He took the bite out of death; Easter demonstrates that death is now mortal.

Tues John 20:1-18 It took a while for the truth to sink in (1-10), and angels helped Mary realize it (11-15). We note that Jesus did not turn His back on Mary but stood close by, ready to calm her distress and direct her toward His ascension, proof positive that He had completed His assignment on Earth.

Wed 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 The Christian/God's religion is not earth-born, but heaven-sent (19). God superseded the earth-born/sin factor via Jesus' resurrection, and applied it to us (20-23). That's wonderful all by itself, and there's still more to come (24-26). Meanwhile, let's enjoy our blessings!

Thurs Psalm 30 David had personal reasons for extolling the LORD, and so do we. Hasn't God lifted us up from the grave with Jesus (1-3)? We too rejoice as each day of grace dawns (4-5) —and when troubles come along (6-7), we bring them to Jesus, asking Him to be our Helper (8-10). David had his reasons for giving thanks to God—over and over—and so do we (11-12).

Fri Mark 16:1-8 Human weakness is like a big stone, but not too big for one of God's messengers to roll away, look us in the eye, and tell us face-to-face, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, but I have good news: He has left the cemetery behind and is going about His business; you will see Him, as He promised." Lord, embolden us to tell this good news as we go about our business.

Sat 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Easter will be re-enacted on Judgment Day, when Jesus sees to it that our deadness gets overcome, our corruption reverts to wholesomeness, and our mortality dissolves into immortality. How can this be, we wonder, since it's not the natural order of things. Well, God will reverse the natural order of things, all those factors which arise from and are bound with sin, for Jesus has pulled the stingers out of sin and death via His resurrection. That straightens out everything that was crooked.

Thanks be to God, who has given us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! And that's not all, for He has also regenerated and re-conditioned us for our daily, loving service to Him in our corner of His Kingdom. Glory be to Jesus, now and forever after! Amen and Amen!

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Easter

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Death has been
SWALLOWED UP
in victory!



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✠ Order of Service ✠



First Lesson

At the Empty Tomb

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. Very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away; for it was very large. Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Then they (the other women) went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you. He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words. So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Solo "Christ is Arisen"

✠ Announcements ✠

Easter Lillies - For the Christian, the Easter Lily represents a powerful truth in connection with Christ's death and resurrection. As a perennial, the lily dies each year.

- ✠ **Apr. 11:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Apr. 14:** Zoom Bible Class 6:30pm
- ✠ **Apr. 18:** Masks-on Service 9 am
- ✠ **Apr. 18:** Voters Meeting

When the growing season returns the following spring, where once a flower had died and withered away, a new lily springs up and blooms!

This is a wonderful reminder to us of the death and miraculous resurrection of our Jesus Christ our Lord. We too will die, and yet in Christ, we have been promised new life. Our earthly bodies will wither away, and yet they will spring up as new when Christ returns to raise the dead.

And so, it is an old Christian custom to adorn the altar with Easter Lilies on Easter, as a reminder of the new life won for us in Christ, and the certain hope of the resurrection that Jesus provides for us and our loved ones. The lilies have been placed this year in memory of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who departed this life in the past year, as well as all our Christian friends and family who have gone before us.

Special Voters' Meeting — Two weeks ago, in a Special Voters' Meeting, we elected to call a graduate to be our Lower Grade Teacher. This call will be issued to the CLC Call Committee, and they will assign our call to one of the two candidates, Lord willing, on April 14th. Please keep this matter in your prayers!

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain and other health problems. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. **Greg Tincher** is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. **JoAnne Weis** is regaining her strength at home and feeling much better. **Rudy Enriquez** is home from the hospital and awaiting the beginning of treatment for his throat cancer. **Joel Bernthal** is recovering well from his knee surgery and is back at school in Eau Claire. **Shirley Rosenberry** is struggling with severe knee pain, please pray for successful treatment.

Last Week: WH – 54	Total Offering = \$1,946
General = \$1,056 Property Improvement = \$50 Building = \$50 Tuition = \$350	
Benevolence Fund = \$100 Hartmann Memorial = \$340	
Cleaner (4/10): Ream Acolyte (4/11): Mason Goodwin	

The Distribution

Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

P Bless we the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn: WS #732 "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!
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. 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.
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!

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

Resurrection Proclamation

1 Corinthians 15; John 20

P Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. ... But if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty

C and our faith is also empty.

P For if the dead do not rise,

C then Christ is not risen.

P And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile;

C We are still in our sins!

P But now Christ is risen from the dead,

C and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P For as in Adam all die,

C even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

P Peace to you! Receive the Holy Spirit. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.

C Glory be to You, My Lord and My God!

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!



Hymn: TLH #199

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

1. Jesus Christ Is risen 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 heavenly 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 heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son. and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in



white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Hymn: WS #730 "Now Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful"

- 1. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth her song begin, The round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein. He is risen! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Our joy shall have no end.**
- 2. From death to life eternal, From earth on to the sky, Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory. He is risen! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Our joy shall have no end.**
- 3. Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord is risen; Our joy shall have no end. He is risen! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Our joy shall have no end.**

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**
- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His.**
- 3. Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation.**
- 4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**
- 5. For the Lamb who was slain Has begun His reign. Alleluia!**

P Let us pray. Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. We thank you for Your steadfast love which has brought up our Lord from the dead and delivered us from death and the devil. Graciously receive our prayers that we might be renewed, strengthened, and delivered from all evil. Amen.

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C We have blessed Him from the house of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Matt. 26, Mk. 14, Lk. 22, 1 Cor. 11

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in I Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors to please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

Easter Meditation – Isaiah 55:6-13 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

**Singing with the Exiles:
"We Are Going Home"**

Response: TLH #189

"He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

P Christ is arisen!

C ♪ **He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth—He was dead, but see, He liveth!**

✠ EASTER PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER ✠

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts!

C **We lift them up to the Lord!**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

**The Order of Holy
Communion**



Third Lesson

On the Road to Emmaus

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."



He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

☩ I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world. I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy the justice of God. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son, that His mission of salvation is complete, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy.

With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner, the first-fruits of all who sleep in Him. Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise to eternal glory on the Last Day. Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." Amen.

Hymn: TLH #201:1,4,5 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

1. Jesus lives! The victory's won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well Naught from me His love shall sever; Life nor death nor powers of hell Part me now from Christ forever. God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.
5. Jesus lives! and now is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence!

Fourth Lesson

Behind Closed Doors

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and

my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."



When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Hymn: TLH #736

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
2. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie. You have conquered in the fight; You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
3. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
4. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
5. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

