

A wooden cross stands on the left side of the image, partially obscured by a bouquet of white lilies. The lilies are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a plain, light color.

Christ Is

Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!

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The Resurrection of Our Lord/ Easter Day

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[P]=Pastor [A]=Assistant [R]=Reader *=Stand if you are able

PRELUDE

OPENING

[P] Christ is Risen!

[C] **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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* BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit

[C] **Amen**

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen**

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[P] Most merciful God.

[C] **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

* SHARING THE PEACE:

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.**

***OPENING HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

- 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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

***GREETING OF PEACE**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] And also with you.

***KYRIE**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

[P] Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: Praise Him**

[Congregation] Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun, until the going down of the same,

He's worthy! Jesus is worthy! He's worthy to be praised!

Glory! Glory! In all things give Him glory!

Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

For God is our rock, hope of salvation; a strong deliverer, in Him I will always trust!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, blessed Savior He's worthy to be praised. Jesus, blessed Savior

He's worthy to be praised.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

PSALM: Choir

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

***ALLELUIA VERSE: HALLELUJAH**

**[C] Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. (Repeat)**

❖ GOSPEL

[P] The Holy Gospel according to ST. MATTHEW 28:1-10

[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb

quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

[P] The Gospel of the Lord

**[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN - They Crucified My Savior (# 90 This Far By Faith)

**They Crucified my Savior and nailed him to the tree. They Crucified my Savior and nailed him to the tree. They Crucified my Savior and nailed him to the tree.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.**

Refrain: **He rose, He rose He rose, He rose He rose from the dead,
He rose, He rose He rose He rose He rose from the dead,
He rose He rose He rose, He rose He rose from the dead
and the Lord will bear my spirit home.**

**Then Joseph begged his body and laid it in the tomb. Then Joseph begged his body and laid it in the tomb. Then Joseph begged his body and laid it in the tomb .
And the Lord will bear my spirit home. (Refrain)**

**Sister Mary she came running a looking for my Lord Sister Mary she came running a looking for my Lord Sister Mary she came running a looking for my Lord.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home. (Refrain)**

**An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away. An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away. An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home. (Refrain)**

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**[Congregation] I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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. Amen.**

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH [Assisting Minister].**

OFFERING

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshipping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary. Those worshipping off-site should mail their offering or visit the congregation's website (abiding-savior-lutheran.org) to give online.

ANTHEM: Power In The Blood

*** OFFERTORY:**

[C] **God Has Smiled On Me -God has smiled on me. He has set me free. God has smiled on me. He's been good to me. (Repeat)**

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

[C] **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] May resurrection's God be with you!

[C] **And also 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 God thanks and praise**

[P] It is indeed

Holy, holy, holy Lord , God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen**

[P] Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

COMMUNION

Lamb Of God Verse- Now Behold The Lamb

**Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God, who bore all my sin,
that I may live again: the precious Lamb of God.**

**Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God. Why you love me so,
Lord, I shall never know; the precious Lamb of God.**

**Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Because of your grace I can finish the race; the precious Lamb of God.**

HYMN: Because He Lives

**1. God sent his son, they called him Jesus, He came to love, heal and forgive; He
lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my savior lives.**

Refrain: **Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone,
because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**2. How sweet to hold a new born baby and feel the pride and joy he gives; But
greater still the calm assurance this child can face uncertain days because He
lives. (Refrain)**

**3. And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; And
then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.
(Refrain)**

[P] Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: He Is Lord

**He is Lord! He Is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

SENDING

PRAYER

[A] Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

[C] Amen.

BENEDICTION

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. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Low In The Grave He Lay (#94 TFF)

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior. Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord.

Refrain: **Up from the grave He arose. (He arose) with a mighty triumph o'er His foes. (o'er His foes)**
He arose a victor over death's domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! (He arose) He arose! (He arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior; Vainly they seal His head, Jesus my Lord.
(Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior, He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord.
(Refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Carroll has Office Hours on Tuesdays between 10am - 1pm. Please contact him via phone/text at: 919 - 760 – 5482 or simply drop - by.
- Weekly Bible study will resume April 15th.
- Many thanks are extended to all who cooked, came out, or participated last week to provide dinner for our siblings at the shelter. We prepared and served over 200 spaghetti dinners.
- As exam season approaches, Abiding Savior's WELCA would love your help as we support our college students with care packages to encourage them during this busy and stress-filled time. If you' are able, please consider bringing individually wrapped snack items (granola bars, chips, raisins, cookies, candy, etc.) to help us fill the packages. If you can, please drop off donations at church over the next two weeks. Thank you for helping us remind our students that they are loved, supported, and in our prayers! We have identified 3 students.

MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus

CHARGE:

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen!

[C] **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

[P] Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

[C] **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**