

# *REMEMBER, JESUS ROSE FOR YOU!*



The Resurrection Of Our Lord—Easter Sunday

Living Shepherd Lutheran Church

1301 S. 5th St. Laramie, WY

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# WELCOME TO LIVING SHEPHERD!

## A FEW NOTES BEFORE WORSHIP

- *We're so glad you joined us for worship today!*
- *Our restrooms are located in the basement through the door nearest the piano.*
- *We love having children in our worship service! However, if your child becomes restless, for your convenience we have a children's play area downstairs along with an audio and video feed of the service.*
- *You are our guest! If there is anything else we can help you with, please don't hesitate to ask any one of us!*
- *Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this service folder. Lord's blessings on your worship this morning!*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

*The message of the Gospel is the power of salvation for everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16,17) Let there be no doubt: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Not just in our minds and hearts, he has risen in the flesh. This morning, we'll focus on the Apostle Paul's appeal to eyewitnesses who still lived and told what they had seen. Christ's resurrection had no doubt—neither does its power for you! The power of this message enters our hearts by the grace of God and fills us with resurrection joy! Blessings on your worship this morning!*

## A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

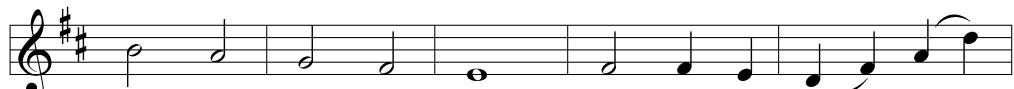
*O Risen Savior, fill me with Easter joy! Use the message that the tomb is empty to fill my heart with joy and peace. Walk with me today and each day of my life, that I might walk in the joy of the salvation you won for me! In Your name I pray. Amen.*

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

HYMN 152 — *I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES! (vs. 1,2,5-8)*



2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'ly 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!”



# AN EASTER DIALOGUE

*Please Stand*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Cong: **He is risen indeed!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done!

C: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

P: By His resurrection Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power!

C: **And He has given us a new birth into a living hope.**

P: “Do not be afraid,” said the angel, “for you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.”

C: **“He is not here! He has risen!”**

P: “Do not be afraid,” says the Son of God. “I am the First and the Last, the Living One! I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!”

C: **“And I hold the keys of death and the afterlife.”**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: O Almighty Creator God, You created life, You had the power to restore Jesus to life, You gave life to me. Surely my life should be spent in service to You! Yet I have often failed to serve You, and have stubbornly resisted Your will for my life.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, for I have sinned! I've failed to love You, I've failed to love my neighbor. Surely I deserve Your punishment both now and forever. Have mercy on me, O God!**

- P: In wonderful mercy, God did not abandon us, but Jesus came to live for us and to die for us.
- C: **Jesus' death paid for my sins.**
- P: But if Christ was not raised, our faith would be futile, we would be trapped in the guilt of sin.
- C: **But Christ has been raised from the dead!**
- P: Therefore, my brothers and sisters, take heart! Jesus has removed your guilt forever! His death paid for your sins; His resurrection proves it. Christ is risen!
- C: **He is risen indeed!**
- P: I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth!
- C: **In my flesh – yes, with my own eyes – I will see Him!**
- P: Where O death is your victory, where O grave, is your sting?
- C: **Our God has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**
- P: "In my Father's house are many rooms. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And I will come back and take you to be with me."
- C: **Amen! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, You conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.
- C: **Amen.** (spoken)

*Please Be Seated*

# GOD'S WORD

## EXODUS 15:1-11

*Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup> The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. <sup>4</sup> Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup> "Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup> "The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' <sup>10</sup> But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup> "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?*

## HYMN 157 — JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY (vs. 1,2 printed on page 16)

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

*Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*

*<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

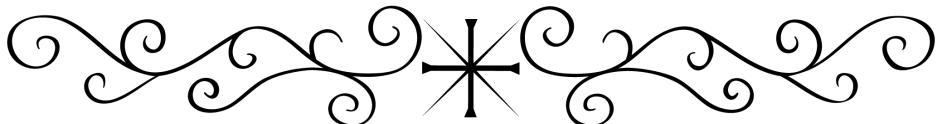
## HYMN 157 — JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY (vs. 3,4 printed on page 16)

### LUKE 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.





## HYMN OF THE DAY

*HYMN — CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA*

*CHILDREN MAY COME FORWARD DURING VS 3 FOR THE CHILDRENS' DEVOTION*

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.  
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.

Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.  
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*This Tanzanian Easter hymn reminds us that the empty tomb is a message that transcends all time and culture.*



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## **CONFESSTION OF FAITH**

- P: Living in a world where people believe that the universe was formed through chance and accident, what do you believe?
- C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P: Living in a world where people are confronted with the guilt and punishment of sin, what do you believe Jesus did for you?
- C: **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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P: Living in a world where people are without hope and certainty, what do you believe?
- C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **WORSHIP REGISTERS**

*Thanks for visiting us today! We'd love to have a record of your visit!  
Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

## **OFFERING**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, the people of Living Shepherd  
offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks  
to him. To those visiting, you are our guests.  
While your gifts are welcome, please  
do not feel obligated to give.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*We pray on behalf of this church as well as on behalf of  
God's people throughout our nation and the world.*

- P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ from the dead.
- C: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**
- P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Living Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious victory.**
- P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in his great power. Keep before our eyes the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:
- C: **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"**
- P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**
- P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life. And hear us, Lord as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

*Continued on the next page*

- P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts we come before you and say:
- C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen!**
- P: Father, we bring these prayers before you, confident that you will hear and answer them. For it was your only Son who taught 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.**

## BLESSING

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years.  
The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them],  
and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].*

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: **Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

*HYMN — IN CHRIST ALONE (printed on the pages 18 and 19)*



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## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

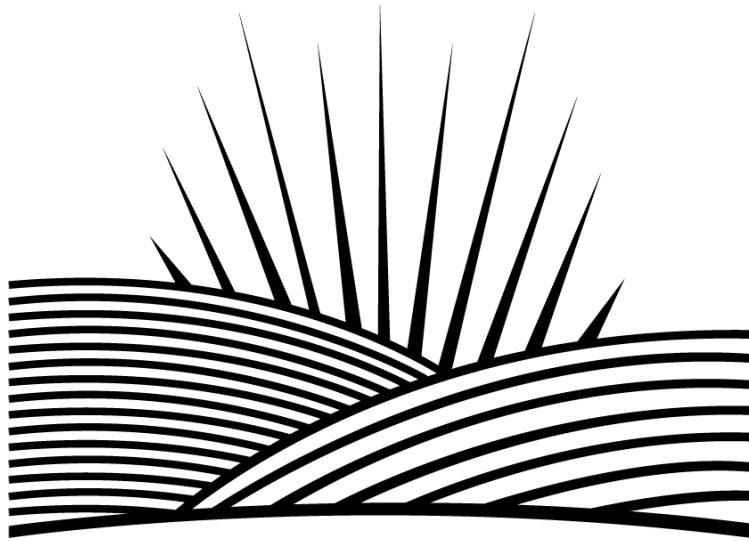


Who did once up - on the cross,  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave,  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save,  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.  
 Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.



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HE HAS  
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# CLOSING HYMN

## HYMN — IN CHRIST ALONE

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fifth staff starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;  
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

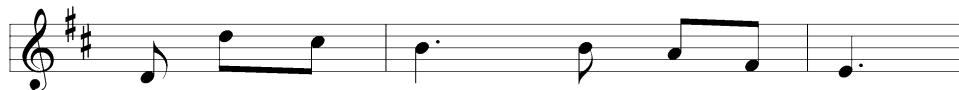
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
Je - sus com -mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

# YOU HAVE REDEEMED ME O LORD, FAITHFUL GOD

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When fears are stilled,  
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



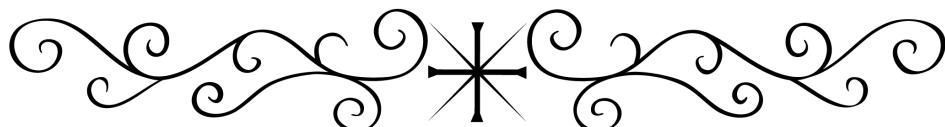
My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Till he re - turns or calls me home,



(Fine)  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.  
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



*This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.*



## **WELCOME!**

We welcome everyone here today and thank you for joining us for our Easter celebration! We hope that you will join us again soon.

## **EASTER BRUNCH**

Everyone is invited to our Easter Brunch following worship! After greeting one another, head down into the basement for a great meal! Also, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children behind church. The egg hunt will begin here in the sanctuary immediately following worship!



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