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PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG: Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW365

1) Je-sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia! Our tri-um-phant ho - ly day . . Al - le - lu - ia!
Who did once up-on the cross . . Al - le - lu - ia! Suf-fer to re-deem our loss . . Al - le - lu - ia!

2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Un-to Christ our heav'n-ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en-dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia! Sin-ners to re-deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!

3) But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia! Our sal-va-tion has pro-cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a-bove the sky he's king, Al - e - lu - ia! Where the an-gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let Us Pray - 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, 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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sing -

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 16th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Arose

1) Low, in the grave He lay, Je - sus my Sav- ior! Wait - ing the com- ing day, Je - sus my Lord!

REFRAIN: Up from-the-grave He a-rose . . with a might-y tri-umph o'er His foes;

He a-rose a Vic-tor from the dark do-main, and He lives for-ev-er with His saints to reign,

He a-rose . . He a-rose . . Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a-rose!

2) Vain-ly they watch His bed, Je -sus my Sav-ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead, Je -sus my Lord!

REFRAIN: Up from-the-grave He a-rose . . with a might-y tri-umph o'er His foes;

He a-rose a Vic-tor from the dark do-main, and He lives for-ev-er with His saints to reign,

He a-rose . . He a-rose . . Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a-rose!

3) Death, can-not keep his prey, Je -sus my Sav-ior! He tore the bars a-way, Je - sus my Lord!

REFRAIN: Up from-the-grave He a-rose . . with a might-y tri-umph o'er His foes;

He a-rose a Vic-tor from the dark do-main, and He lives for-ev-er with His saints to reign,

He a-rose . . He a-rose . . Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a-rose! Words and Music: Robert Lowry Public Domain

THE NICENE CREED P: Let us confess our faith in Triune God.

C: (in Unison) **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. We remember all who are in need of prayer especially.....

And those we name now, out loud, in our hearts,
or in the comment section at this time.

(pause for names to be added at this time)

Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: I invite you, at this time, to make a gesture of peace to your siblings in Christ.



THE THANK OFFERING *For those who desire to make a financial offering you may drop them off at the offering station before or after service. For those who wish to make an online financial offering scan the QR code with your mobile device or go to: secure.myvanco.com/YM5K/home You may also choose to mail your offerings to the church: 5322 Palms Road, Casco, MI, 48064*

THE OFFERING PRAYER P: Let us pray – Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C: Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

P: Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

P: Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - sing

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE MEAL P: All those who believe in the promise are invited to partake in God's amazing grace at this time.

COMMUNION HYMN: Because He Lives

1) God sent His Son . . . they called Him Je - sus . . He came to love . . . heal and for-give . . .
He bled and died . . to buy my par - don . an emp-ty grave, is-there to prove my Sav-ior lives

REFRAIN: Be-cause-He-lives . . . I-can face, to-mor - row . .

Be-cause He lives . . . all fear is gone . .

Be-cause I know . . . He holds the fu - ture . .

And life is worth, the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

2) How sweet to hold . . . our new-born ba - by, and feel the pride . . . and joy he gives . . .
But great-er still . . . the calm as-sur - ance . .

This child can face, un-cer-tain days be-cause Christ lives. **REFRAIN**

3) And then one day . . . I'll cross that riv - er . . I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain . . .
And then as death . . . gives way to vic - t'ry . . I'll see the lights of glo-ry
and I'll know He reigns. **REFRAIN**

2nd Communion song: Alleluia! Alleluia! (Tune: Joyful, Joyful)

- 1) Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
- 2) Alleluia Christ is risen, death at last has met defeat,
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried now he lives for evermore,
Jesus Christ the world's redeemer whom we worship and adore.
- 3) Christ is risen we are risen, set your hearts on things above,
There in all the Father's glory, lives and reigns our king of love.
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.
- 4) Alleluia alleluia, Glory be to God on high,
Alleluia to the Saviour, who has gained the vic - tor - y.
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanc-ti-ty,
Alleluia alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace.

C: Amen

**DOXOLOGY - Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Public Domain**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION (To the tune of My Song is Love Unknown)

P: The Lord bless and keep you now, as you go about your day.
May the smile of Divine... light guide you on your way.
May grace and mercy God impart, and give you peace within your heart.
And give you peace with in your heart.

SENDING HYMN: He Lives!

- 1) I serve a risen Sa-rior, He's in the world to-day; I know that He is liv-ing,
what-ever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him. .
He's always near.

**Refrain: He lives . . He lives . . Christ Je-sus lives to-day!
He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way.
He lives . . He lives . . sal-va-tion to im-part . .
You ask me how I know He lives? . . He lives . . with-in . . my heart.**

- 2) In all the world a-round me, I see His lov-ing care; and tho' my heart grows wea-ry,
I nev-er will de-spair;
I know that He is lead-ing, thro' all the storm-y blast, the day of His ap-pear-ing
will come at last. **Refrain**
- 3) Re-joyce, re-joyce, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing . .
e-ter-nal hal-le-lu-jahs, to Je-sus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, none other is so lov-ing,
so good and kind. **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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Additional Reading for this week-- - Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24