

HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS

**RISEN!**



LUKE 24:6, NIV

## The Order of Worship

### Pre-service Music

#### Welcome

#### Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*For an explanation of the significance of the candle,  
please go to the back of the service folder*

P: Christ Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever; the beginning and the end; the Alpha and the Omega. As the Lamb of God he has taken away the sin of the world. May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, pierce the darkness of our hearts and minds, and shine through our words and actions—to the praise of his glorious name.

#### Lighting of the Candle

P: Rejoice now, all your heavenly hosts. Rejoice now, all creation. Sound forth the trumpet of salvation and proclaim the triumph of the King. Rejoice in the radiance of his Light. Rejoice in his everlasting glory. Know that the ancient darkness has been shattered forever. The gloom of death is destroyed. Rejoice, O Church of Christ. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

#### Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Christian Worship 157*

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!

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!

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!

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!

### Easter Litany of Praise

#### **The Power of the Resurrection**

**P:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

**C: Sing to the Lord, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

#### **The Blessing of the Resurrection**

**P:** Dear friends, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of

God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

**C: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

#### **The Confidence of the Resurrection**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this holy day we have gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It was for our sins he died, and it was to give us the gift of forgiveness and new life that he was raised to life again. In our Baptism, we were joined together with him in his death, and have been united with him in his resurrection. Yet we must confess that we have not always lived the new life he has given us. We have turned away from God in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our actions. We have responded to the call of our sinful nature and the temptations of the devil. We have not loved God with all our being, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Let us acknowledge those sins of which we are aware, and acknowledge those sins of which we are not even aware.

#### **We Acknowledge Our Sin**

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

**Hymn**

“This is the Day the Lord has Made”  
*Christian Worship 225*

This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours his own.  
Let heav’n rejoice; let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.

Today he rose and left the dead,  
And Satan’s empire fell;  
Today the saints his triumphs spread  
And all his wonders tell.

Hosanna to the anointed King,  
To David’s holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
Salvation from the throne.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, who came  
With messages of grace,  
Who came in God the Father’s name  
To save our sinful race.

Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth shall raise;  
The highest heav’ns, in which he reigns,  
Shall give him nobler praise.

**Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!**

“This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not  
faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.”

*Athanasian Creed*

## Jesus Lived for Me!

### Lesson

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil) <sup>15</sup>and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For surely he was not concerned with helping angels but with helping Abraham's offspring. <sup>17</sup>For this reason, he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in the things pertaining to God, so that he could pay for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Indeed, because he suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

*Why was This Necessary?*

### Response

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

### Hymn

*"If Your Beloved Son, O God"  
Christian Worship 393 st. 1-3*

If your beloved Son, O God,  
had not to earth descended  
And in our mortal flesh and blood  
had not sin's power ended,  
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine  
in hell eternally would pine  
Because of my transgression.

But now I find sweet peace and rest;  
despair no more reigns ov'er me.  
No more am I by sin oppressed,  
for Christ has borne sin for me.

Upon the cross for me he died  
that, reconciled, I might abide  
With you, my God, forever.

I trust in him with all my heart;  
now all my sorrow ceases.  
His words abiding peace impart;  
his blood my guilt releases.  
Free grace through him I now obtain;  
he washes me from ev'ry stain,  
And pure I stand before him.

### **Jesus Died for Me!**

#### **Lesson**

*1 Corinthians 15:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. <sup>2</sup>You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

*Did This Really have to Happen?*

#### ***Response***

**C: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

#### **Hymn**

“The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me”  
*Christian Worship Supplement 749 st. 1 & 3*

The love of Christ, who died for me

Is more than mind can know,  
His mercy measureless and free  
To meet the debt I owe.  
He came my sinful cause to plead.  
He laid his glories by,  
For me a homeless life to lead,  
A shameful death to die.

O living Lord of life, for whom  
The heavens held their breath,  
To see, triumphant from the tomb,  
A love that conquers death,  
Possess my heart that it may be  
Your kingdom without end,  
O Christ, who died for love of me,  
And lives to be my friend.

### **Jesus Rose for Me!**

#### **Lesson**

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

<sup>12</sup>Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too. <sup>15</sup>Then we are even guilty of giving false testimony about God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise, if it were true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ perished. <sup>19</sup>If you hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead.

*Almost Too Good to be True!*

*Response*

**C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**Hymn**

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

*Christian Worship 153 st. 1-2 & 4*

Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one;  
From the gloomy house of death forth the conqueror has gone,  
Bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; praise him ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours eternally;  
Joined to him, your living head, where he is, you too shall be;  
You with him at his right hand victor over death shall stand.

**Praise and Thanksgiving**

P: Heavenly Father, God of all grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C: Christ the Lord is risen!**

P: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. He the innocent one was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life to declare us not guilty.

**C: Christ the Lord is risen, indeed!**

P: We can only marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to rescue us from our sins; we bow in praise of your mighty power and incomprehensible love, which raised him from the dead.

**C: We praise you for sending your Son into the world.**

P: Lord Jesus, God of all grace, you have filled our hearts with immeasurable joy by your victory over sin, death and the grave. You have conquered our greatest fears, and offered us the greatest comfort and hope. Therefore with believers of every age, we offer our unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt and condemnation.

**C: You are risen!**

P: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us. Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew us in the joy of our salvation.

**C: You are risen, indeed!**

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the Gospel and brought us to faith in our risen Savior. We glorify you for opening our hearts to see the source of our rescue.

**C: Keep us with Jesus in the one true faith.**

P: As we journey through this life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ. Until that time comes, work in us, and work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Savior.

**C: Alleluia! The Lord our God reigns forever and ever!**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### The Blessing of the Resurrection

*1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 50-55*

<sup>42</sup>That is the way the resurrection of the dead will be. What is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown as a natural body; it is raised as a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

<sup>50</sup>Now I say this, brothers: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and what is perishable is not going to inherit what is imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

<sup>55</sup>Death, where is your sting?

Grave, where is your victory?

**C: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;  
but thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Benediction from Hebrews 13:20-21**

P: <sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—<sup>21</sup>may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus

Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**C: Amen!**

**Closing Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
*Christian Worship 149*

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth reply.

Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight the battle won;  
Lo, our sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
Where your victory, O grave?

Soar we know where Christ has led,  
Foll’wing our exalted head.  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to you by both be giv’n!  
God has now fulfilled his Word;  
Praise the resurrected Lord!

**Silent Prayer**

## **Announcements**

**Today**—*Welcome in our Savior's Name!* May the blessing of our Risen Savior and his all-encompassing work be with you. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book. We also invite you to visit us again—soon!

- \* We invite everyone to remain after the service to enjoy a brunch prepared by the members of the congregation.
- \* If you are visiting this morning, and if you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Proeber, or give him a call this week - 967-1128.
- \* Our regular Sunday morning worship is at 9:30 am. Christian Education follows at 11:00 am. Sunday School is offered on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. There are other activities through the week and every month. Please check our website: [www.orlcsb.net](http://www.orlcsb.net).

**Wednesday**—On May 4th, our evening Bible Study will restart at 7:00 pm. There is a little clean up to do with the topic of the “divine call.” Following that we will begin a new topic.

**Friday**—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm

**Saturday**— Church cleaning: G. Grunewald

- Property mowing beginning April 24th—F. Florez

**Sunday, April 24th**—Our celebration of the Resurrection continues. During the 9:30 am worship service we will focus the Revelation of St. John. In the opening verses we hear how this message of comfort relies on a living and all powerful Savior. As we await the return of our Savior, we rejoice to know he lives and reigns for us and for our blessing.

- The Congregational Meeting will follow the worship service.

Thank You . . .

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