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Holy Communion is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

Opening Hymn
Confession

This Joyful Eastertide

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Introit

P: He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- |
luia!

Remember how He told you, Alle- | luia,*
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third
day rise. Alle- | luia!

C: **O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the
earth!***

**You have set your glory above the | heavens.
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly |
beings***

**and crowned him with glory and | honor.
You have given him dominion over the works | of your
hands;***

**you have put all things under | his feet,
O LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie
Gloria
Collect

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P: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27 (ESV)

Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Gradual

C: This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (ESV)

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: *Death is swallowed up in victory.*

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus

Christ.

Alleluia *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* LSB 465

Gospel Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back — it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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Hymn

Please remain standing
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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Easter Day, the Resurrection of Our Lord¹

This Day is the climax of the Church's Year, as the Fact it commemorates is the innermost center of the Christian's life and eternal hope. It is the *Feast of Feasts, the King of Days*. "The first day of the week" of the *Gospel* becomes the *Lord's Day*, uniquely His through His victory; and in joyful remembrance of the early Church kept this weekly commemoration of His Resurrection. This was not displaced, but emphasized, by the annual observance of the "historic" day as the *Lord's Day of Resurrection*, this and the *Paschal Day of the Resurrection* are its earliest names. ...

The Day, of course, is one of greatest, holiest joy. The contrast with the long fast and the emotions of preceding days adds to this effectively: the Church could hardly wait for its coming. Its celebration began with ringing of bells and glad acclaim at midnight, continuing till dawn. The churches were ablaze with candles and lights. Joyful the constant greeting, "Christ is risen!" and the answer, "He is risen indeed!"

1. Strodach, P. Z. (1924/2023). *The church year: Studies in the introits, collects, epistles, and Gospels and one's attitude toward the liturgy*. Malone, TX; Repristination Press, p. 135.