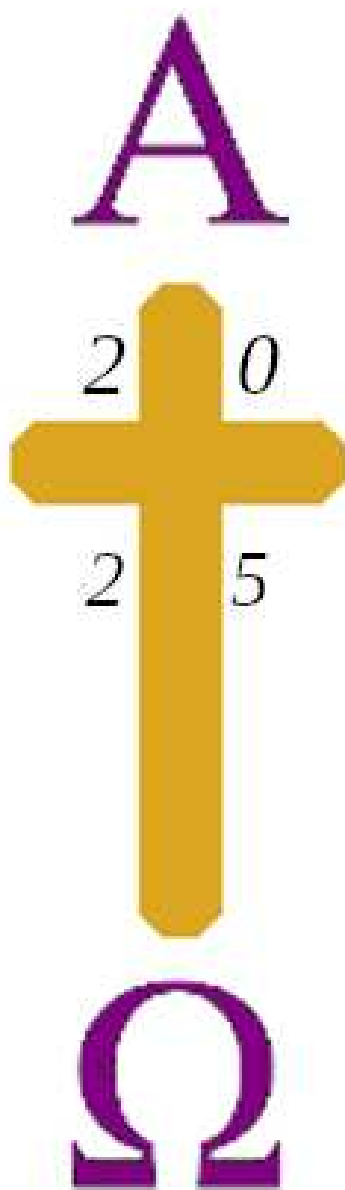
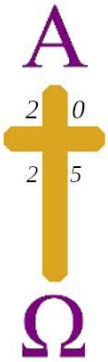


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+ *In Nomine Jesu* +

## Lighting Paschal Candle

*Please stand*

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world;

C: **The light no darkness can overcome**

P: Christ yesterday and today (+);  
the beginning and the end [ **A** - **Ω** ];  
His are all times [2] and all ages [0]; to Him be glory and  
dominion through all the ages of eternity [25].

C: **Amen.**

P: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into  
Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried  
therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as  
Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we  
too might walk in newness of life. [Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)]



P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;\*  
my flesh also | dwells secure.

C: **For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\*  
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.**

P: You make known to me the | path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right  
hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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.**

P: You make known to me the | path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right  
hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

*Please be seated*

**Office Hymn**

*He's Risen, He's Risen*

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**Old Testament**

Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Response**

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

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**Thanks be to God**

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## Response

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

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**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

## Gospel

John 20:1-18 (ESV)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not

lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” — and that he had said these things to her.

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*Please be seated*

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>He Is Not Here</i>	John 20:1-18
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<b>Offering</b>	<i>Plates are in the Narthex</i>
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*Please stand*

<b>Canticle</b>	<i>Sung antiphonally -- Pastor sings 460</i>	
	<i>Christians, to the Paschal Victim</i>	LSB 460
	<i>Christ is Arisen</i>	LSB 459

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**Lord's Prayer**  
**Salutation**

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**Collect**

**P:** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Collect for Grace**  
**Benedicamus**  
**Benediction**

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**Hymn**

*Please remain standing*  
*He is Arisen! Glorious Word*

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+ *Solo Deo Gloria* +

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## **The Paschal Candle**

The Paschal Candle is an ancient tradition which signifies the presence of the glorified and risen Christ Jesus between Easter and the Ascension. We light the candle during the first Easter service, even before the proclamation that Jesus has risen from the dead, for in the pre-dawn darkness He broke the bonds of the tomb. His glorified body was present on Easter morning before the discovery of the empty grave by the women. During the Gospel reading on Ascension the candle is extinguished, though it stays near the Baptismal font as a reminder of Jesus promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the world.

Because Christ's resurrection is closely associated with Baptism, indeed we are buried with Him only to rise with Him, the candle is lit for Baptisms. Because of the faith that is created by the Holy Spirit working through the water and the Word, and the close connection of our hope in the resurrection with Baptism, this candle is lit for funerals.

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## **Luther on the Resurrection**

You will find few people on earth today who sincerely believe this article [of the resurrection]. Particularly men of great influence, the wealthy and mighty of this world, believe nothing of it. the same thing happened in Judaism. Hardly half of the people believed the resurrection of the dead; even the religious leaders thought nothing of it. The whole sect of the Sadducees believed neither in God nor in heaven, neither in a resurrection of the dead nor in an eternal life, neither in angel nor in devil. In a word, if you consult reason and judge according to external appearance and experience, faith fails, and man lets this article go.

Therefore it is necessary for every Christian to have before him the testimony of Holy Scripture concerning the resurrection of the dead and then also the resurrection of the Lord Christ, that he must rest firmly on these and abandon outward appearance and the experience of reason.<sup>1</sup>

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1. From: Plass, E. M. (1959). *What Luther says: A practical in-home anthology for the active Christian*. St. Louis: CPH, p. 1217