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**Good Morning and Welcome to all who worship and praise the risen Savior:** May God bless our worship this morning as we celebrate this wonderful news that Jesus is risen just as he said and we will rise too.

If you need a **large print version** of the bulletin, we have a number of copies that are available for you. If you have any questions, or need extra help, please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

The flow of Holy Week is amazing: Jesus receives the praise and adoration he deserves on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, he speaks about the special relationship he is going to have with those who believe in him and the special relationship they have with each other, when he institutes the Lord's Supper. All that Jesus did to create that special relationship for us, every agonizing moment of his suffering and death, where his blood was shed exactly as he said it would be for our forgiveness and salvation we see on Good Friday. Finally, today, we don't look for victory among the dead, but among the living. We celebrate the resurrection, the proof that Jesus did what he said. He is risen, and we will rise too!

If you are a guest --welcome! Please take a moment to share your contact information with us in the friendship book in order that we can stay connected.

Restrooms are located to the left, at the end of the hallway, as you exit the sanctuary.  
We also have a fully equipped mother's room to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

**Willing Hands This Morning:**

Organist: Carol Johnson

Altar Care: Kelley Buch

Ushers: Cliff Talgo & Mark Boehringer

Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel

**Suggestions before worship** Take a moment of thanksgiving that Jesus became sin for you that in return you might be holy like he is and be an heir of eternal life.

P: On Good Friday, we left in silence realizing that our sins sent Jesus to the cross. As the prophet Isaiah says, "He was pierced for our transgression we was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed." Jesus did this to take all our sins away and to give us a new life of peace with him and the hope of heaven.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

(CW 125 V3)

P: As we left in silence we were waiting for this morning. We were waiting for the wonderful news of forgiveness and comfort. Please rise as we praise God for the wonderful news.

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! And we will rise too!

**A Hymn Of Joy: # 143 He's Risen, He's Risen v 1-3**

*1. He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus the Lord;  
 He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.  
 Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
 And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.*

*2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
 The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
 In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.*

*3. But short was their triumph; the Savior arose.  
 And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.  
 The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;  
 He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.*



## An Easter Litany from Psalm 118

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

C: **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

P: The LORD is my strength and my song;

C: **he has become my salvation.**

P: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

C: **"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"**

P: The LORD's right hand is lifted high;

C: **the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"**

P: I will not die but live,

C: **and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

C: **the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: You are my God, and I will give you thanks;

C: **you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: **his love endures forever.**

We Sing Hymn 143 v 4

*4. Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.*

P: Easter is a day of celebration. Celebration that Jesus did what he set out to do: he fulfilled the Father's plan to save sinners like us. The news of Jesus resurrection brings joy to our

hearts because we know that we are forgiven our many sins. At the same time we take a moment to remember that sin is not a small thing, it is not something we take lightly, nor is it something that we should tolerate in our lives. Sin is terrible. It separates us from our God and it leads to eternal death in hell. This morning, as we do every day, we take a moment in repentance, confessing our sins to our God, asking him to forgive us with that sincere desire in our hearts to change our sinful lives.

C: **Oh Risen Savior, you suffered because of our sins, you took our punishment, and you died in our place. Though we daily have a desire to do good, we realize just how much sin has corrupted us. We are sinful to our core. We sin in our thoughts, words and actions. As Paul says, "the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing." We deserve the punishment that you took. We deserve the sufferings that you bore because we disobey you. We ask you in your great love and mercy to forgive us, who are sinful.**

P: As we have seen throughout the Lenten season, our God does love us and he does not want us to suffer death and hell because of our sins. He sent his Son to live the perfect life that we can't and to suffer and die for the forgiveness of all of our sins. Jesus did what his Father wanted, redeeming us from sin, death and the devil with his own blood. As we look at Jesus resurrection we see that God accepted all that Jesus has done. Now because of what Jesus has done I can announce there is peace with God. Through Jesus sacrifice, your sins are forgiven.  
C: **Amen.**

We sing the last verse of hymn 143, verse 5.

*5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.*

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. 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 the 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.*

**Sermonette #1. Come and See What Happened Early in the Morning**

**Matthew 28:2-4; 11.** There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

**Congregation responds with Hymn # 159 Morning Breaks Upon The Tomb**

1 Morning breaks upon the tomb;  
Jesus scatters all its gloom.  
Day of triumph through the skies,  
See the glorious Savior rise.

2 You who are of death afraid,  
Triumph in the scattered shade.  
Drive your anxious cares away;  
See the place where Jesus lay.

3 Christian, dry your flowing tears;  
Chase your unbelieving fears.  
Look on his deserted grave;  
Doubt no more his pow'r to save.



**Sermonette #2. Come and See the Empty Tomb**

**Mark 16: 1-8.** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**Congregation responds with Hymn # 145 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**



1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me.  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me he died; Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from him shall sever,  
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

**Sermonette #3: Come and See What the Resurrection Means for You**

**1 Corinthians 15: 12-21.** <sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

*Please rise as we sing together.*

Hymn Of The Day: # 152 I Know That My Redeemer Lives V 1-4, 8

*1. I know that my redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives who once was dead  
He lives, my everliving Head!*

*2. He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.*

*3. ALL WOMEN SING*

*He lives to bless me with his love;  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.*

*4. ALL MEN SING*

*He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye.  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

*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!"*



*We also confess our faith in our eternal God with the words of the NICENE CREED*

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

*Please Be Seated for the Offering*

## We Bring Our Offerings Of Thanks To The Lord

Please use this time to fill out our friendship booklet

- If you're a guest –Welcome. Please share your contact information so that we can stay connected.
- If you are a member, please sign your name and share with any guests you might see next to you.

## Songs and Prayers For Children

*These songs and prayers are ones that, for many years, parents and grandparents have taught to their children. We take the time to remember the simple truths that are in these songs that we now teach our children. Please help your children to follow along as we sing these songs that provide the Gospel in a simple way.*



### If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.  
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands  
If you're happy and you know it then your face will surely show it.  
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

Jesus died upon the cross for you and me. He died!  
Jesus died upon the cross for you and me. He died!  
Jesus died upon the cross, Jesus died upon the cross,  
Jesus died upon the cross for you and me. He died!

Jesus came alive and lives for you and me. He lives!  
Jesus came alive and lives for you and me. He lives!  
Jesus came alive and lives, Jesus came alive and lives  
Jesus came alive and lives for you and me. He lives!

**P:** Let us fold our hands, bow our head, and ask Jesus our loving Savior to hear us as we pray together:

1. **Lord teach a little child to pray and Oh, accept my prayers,  
You hear all the words I say, you are everywhere.**

2. **Teach me to do whatever is right and when I sin forgive.  
And make it still my chief delight to love you while I live. Amen.**

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1 "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.

2 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.

*Please stand for prayer*

### Prayer of the Church For Easter

**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 Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**P:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us 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 wisdom and power 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.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

*We pray together the Lord's Prayer*

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.

**The Blessing of the Lord.**

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Closing Hymn: # 160 This Joyful Eastertide**

1. This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst this three-day prison, Our faith has been in vain; But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now is Christ arisen.*

2. Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.

*Refrain*

3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west Shall Wake the dead in number.

*Refrain.*



Whether you are family, friends or first-time guests and visitors, it is a pleasure and a privilege to share the message of Jesus' resurrection and to celebrate the forgiveness and eternal life that is ours through Jesus. We pray that the news of the Savior who has forgiven your sins and gives you heaven has filled your heart with joy and comfort.

If you would like more information about our church, what the Bible says, or have questions please leave your information in the register or speak with Pastor after church.

**Hope to see you again soon!**

*Thank you*

**Thank you!!** To all who helped to beautify our service and church over the weeks of Lent and Easter. We thank those who purchased the flowers and palms, arranged them, helped to set up both the church and the fellowship hall, the musicians who played or sang for us, and those who planned and organized our Easter breakfast this morning. Thanks for all you do.



## En Español

**Services in Spanish:** Misa en español: todos los domingos a las 11:30 a.m. en La Iglesia Luterana Monte de los Olivos. 3975 S Sandhill Road Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 969-7911.



**Congregational Picture Board.** We are continuing our work on our congregational picture board. If you and your family have not had your picture yet, please see Kelley Buch before or after the service to snap that picture.



**Next week:** Pastor Myrl Wagenknecht will be with us to share God's Word. Pastor Buch will be at Water of Life Lutheran Church. **Please note: Our normal Sunday Service time is at 9:00 am.**

We will also be continuing our viewing and discussion of the Luther movie. Come and join Bible

Study at 10:15 am.



**Our Thanks To The Lord:** To God be the Glory great things he has done!! Our congregation has prayerfully decided to support the work of the Lord. Over the last Lenten service and our Palm Sunday worship, God's people brought offerings of and special gifts of for the HELP campaign. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!



### Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church

#### Some FAQs (and answers) about Easter

**Wasn't the Bible written hundreds of years after Christ?**

Yes, many of the Old Testament book that have promises pointing to Jesus were written many years before he was born.

...But also no. The books that speak about Jesus life, death and resurrection were written very soon after Jesus walked the earth. God inspired these men (many of them had walked and talked with Jesus, had seen his miracles and heard his teachings) to write these accounts of how Jesus earned salvation for us.

**You don't really expect me to believe that someone rose from the dead do you?  
That kind of thing just doesn't happen.**

No, it's not something we see around us today, many of us will walk through life without a miracle happening to us, but that doesn't mean it couldn't or didn't happen. Miracles are miracles because they often defy our logic..... and because they are miraculous, they don't happen very often. Unfortunately, we can't judge a miracle by our own experience of what normally happens because miracles aren't normal.

#### Is there any proof that Jesus rose from the dead?

Yes, there is. God has graciously given us many witnesses (both believers and unbelievers) that the tomb was empty and that Jesus had risen from the dead. Many of those people saw him, spoke with him and even ate with him. These witnesses spoke of what they saw, even writing it down so that we could read it today. Many in the early Christian church were brought to faith because they believed what these witnesses told them about Jesus.

#### Couldn't it all have been a lie?

That is possible. But this would have been a lie on a grand scale, which would have had to include many, many people. It would have been a lie every single person would have had to take to their grave. This would have been a lie that they would have been willing to die for.

The early Christians were persecuted and put to death because they spoke about Christ and defended the resurrection. 11 of the 12 Disciples died because they believed that Jesus died and rose again on the third day. A lie is not usually something people are willing to die for.

Either Jesus is the biggest conspiracy that the world has ever known, starting with hundreds and extending to millions, or he is exactly who he says he is, the Son of God, our Savior, and he has done all that he has said he has done to bring us forgiveness and salvation

### Couldn't they all just have been crazy?

There are cases where groups of people believe something that seems unbelievable (cults). But the Bible gives us amazing lessons that after his death, his disciples and followers abandoned him, they doubted what they believed.

But, it was Jesus who came and restored their faith in him. They went from being scared and running away when Jesus was arrested to boldly proclaiming their resurrected Savior even in the face of death.

These same people also wrote with amazing clarity, accuracy and agreement about what they saw, heard and believed. No other group of people, especially those with mental illness, could have compiled a collection of writings from different authors that have no contradictions or discrepancies among them that clearly preach the salvation of Jesus.

### Maybe everybody just forgot where the body was?

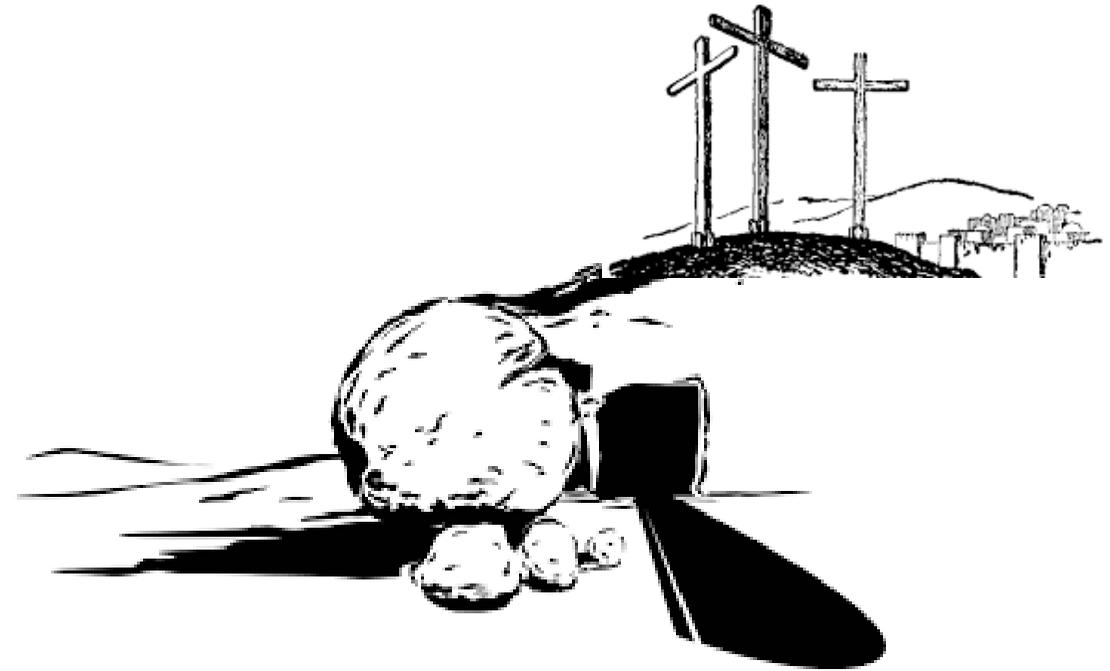
That doesn't seem likely. The leaders feared Jesus so much and went to such extreme measures to silence him and then they forgot about where his body was? Quite the opposite, the religious leaders took steps to ensure the body would not be moved or stolen from the tomb. They even posted a guard. But Jesus could not be held in the tomb, by a rock, or chain or guard. When the stone was rolled away by the angel early on Sunday morning, the guards reported the tomb was already empty.

### So what do you teach then?

We teach what Jesus himself taught and what the Bible teaches us happened. People are sinful, meaning, they don't by nature love and trust God the way they should. That's why so many people doubt the resurrection despite all the witnesses God has given us.

God's response to sinful people was to send Jesus to take away our sins by the perfect life of obedience he lived and the innocent suffering and death. On the third day, he rose again to prove that he had won forgiveness and eternal life for all people. Jesus resurrection proves those who believe in him will rise to heaven one day (John 14:19), our sins are forgiven, (Romans 4:25) and that Jesus really is the Son of God and Savior, as he said. (Romans 1:4)

Many of these things are taught and discussed in our Bible Basics class. For more information or to begin a class speak with Pastor today, call him at (414) 943-0812 or email him [pastor@summerlinlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@summerlinlutheran.org).



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