

LORD OF LIFE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*ALIVE AND ANEW  
IN THE LIVING GRACE  
OF THE RISEN CHRIST!*



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP  
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
APRIL 4, 2021

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”**

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**Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**April 4, 2021**

**Extended Prelude & The Easter Greeting**

**The Easter Announcement**

Pastor: The Lord is risen! **All: The Lord is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Christ is risen! **All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Song Celebrating Living Joy “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

*Latin carol*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

- vs. 1 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!
- vs. 2 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!
- vs. 3 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!

**Easter Litany Based on Psalm 118**

Pastor: Today we celebrate new life breaks forth; God’s living grace and power are here and alive; we are alive and live anew; so we worship The Risen Christ, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever. Friends, on this most holy morning, let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to trust in God’s living grace alone in The Risen Christ. *(silence for reflection)* Out of my distress I called on the Lord. I shall not die, but I shall live, and remember the deeds of the Lord forever. New life springs forth, in the grace of The Risen Christ: Jesus is alive, Jesus saves, Jesus forgives you all your sins. The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

## Prayer of the Day

**All: Loving God, you gave your Son to suffer death on the cross and to be raised again to new life, for the forgiveness of our sins, to give us eternal life, and to be here, right here with us, to give us hope and a new beginning in grace. By your Holy Spirit, give us faith in The Risen Christ to see and believe you are alive and living in our midst. Reassure us, that because you live, we live also, trusting all is possible in the crucified and risen Christ. Send us out as your faithful witnesses to tell others: we are not afraid; we know who calls our name; we have seen the Lord; we are alive, anew, awakened, in God's living grace! In The Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## The Easter Gospel

**John 20:1-18**

**(all read bold print)**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went in the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. **Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?**" 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 Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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 she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Children's Easter Message & "Jesus Loves Me"**  
(Sung by Worship Leaders)

*Percival & Warner*

**Sermon**

**"Alive & Anew In Living Grace!"**

**Pastor Jamie Thompson**

**Song of Hope & Life Anew “Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

*Strodach*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

- vs. 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds, In praise of love that still abounds:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:  
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- vs. 2 Eternal is the gift he brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Now still he comes to give us life, And by his presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer**

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, living Jesus,

**All: Risen Savior, raise us to live anew, in your living hope and grace.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of The Risen Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

**We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion**

**The Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer**

**All: 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.**

**Strengthened to Live Anew Today, and All Our Days, In The Risen Christ**

Pastor: The Risen Lord bless you and keep you. The Risen Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Risen Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, for you are alive and anew, right here, in the living grace of Jesus Christ. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of the living Christ, alive and anew, celebrating the love of God, and serving The Risen Lord of life.

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Song Living Anew In The Good News “Awake My Soul”**

*Tomlin*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

ref: Awake, awake, awake my soul. God, resurrect these bones  
From death to life for You alone. Awake my soul.

vs. 1 Breathe on me, breath of God, breathe on me.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, breathe on me.  
I come alive; I’m alive when You breathe on me.  
I come alive; I’m alive when You breathe on me. *(refrain)*

vs. 2 Speak to me, Word of God, speak to me.  
Speak to me, Word of God, speak to me.  
I come alive; I’m alive when You speak to me.  
I come alive; I’m alive when You speak to me. *(refrain 3x)*

**Song During Holy Communion *(Sung by Worship Leaders)***

**“10,000 Reasons”**

*Redman*

ref: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

vs. 1 The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning,  
It’s time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(refrain)*

vs. 2 You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(refrain)*

vs. 3 And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *(refrain twice)*

Worship Your holy name; Lord, I’ll worship Your holy name.

**To be blessed by more Easter music, we invite you to enjoy and share these songs and links:**

**“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)” by Casting Crowns**

*Hall*

<https://youtu.be/KqrqPGt11bA>

**“Hallelujah” Chorus, from Handel’s Messiah, performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir**

<https://youtu.be/VI6dsMeABpU>

**Special Music for Children To Sing Along To: “Mourning Into Dancing”**

*Walker*

<https://youtu.be/PrXmenoAuxY>

*Join us next Sunday, April 11, 9:30 a.m., as we celebrate,  
The Second Sunday of Easter, "Alive And Anew, In Living Peace!"  
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!  
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!  
Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts on our Facebook page, under "videos."*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist  
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,  
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!  
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*All who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to God's table of grace as we  
share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you as you exit the sanctuary, as we  
share pre-packaged single servings of communion, including a wafer and grape juice.  
Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you;  
then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!  
Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!*

*For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!  
Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the building.*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through  
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,  
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to  
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time when we are committed to safety and social distancing, please trust we are equally  
committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!  
On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!*

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service,  
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!  
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: [jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org](mailto:jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org)*

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,  
as together we make known and we trust anew  
God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways  
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God's light, love, and grace!*

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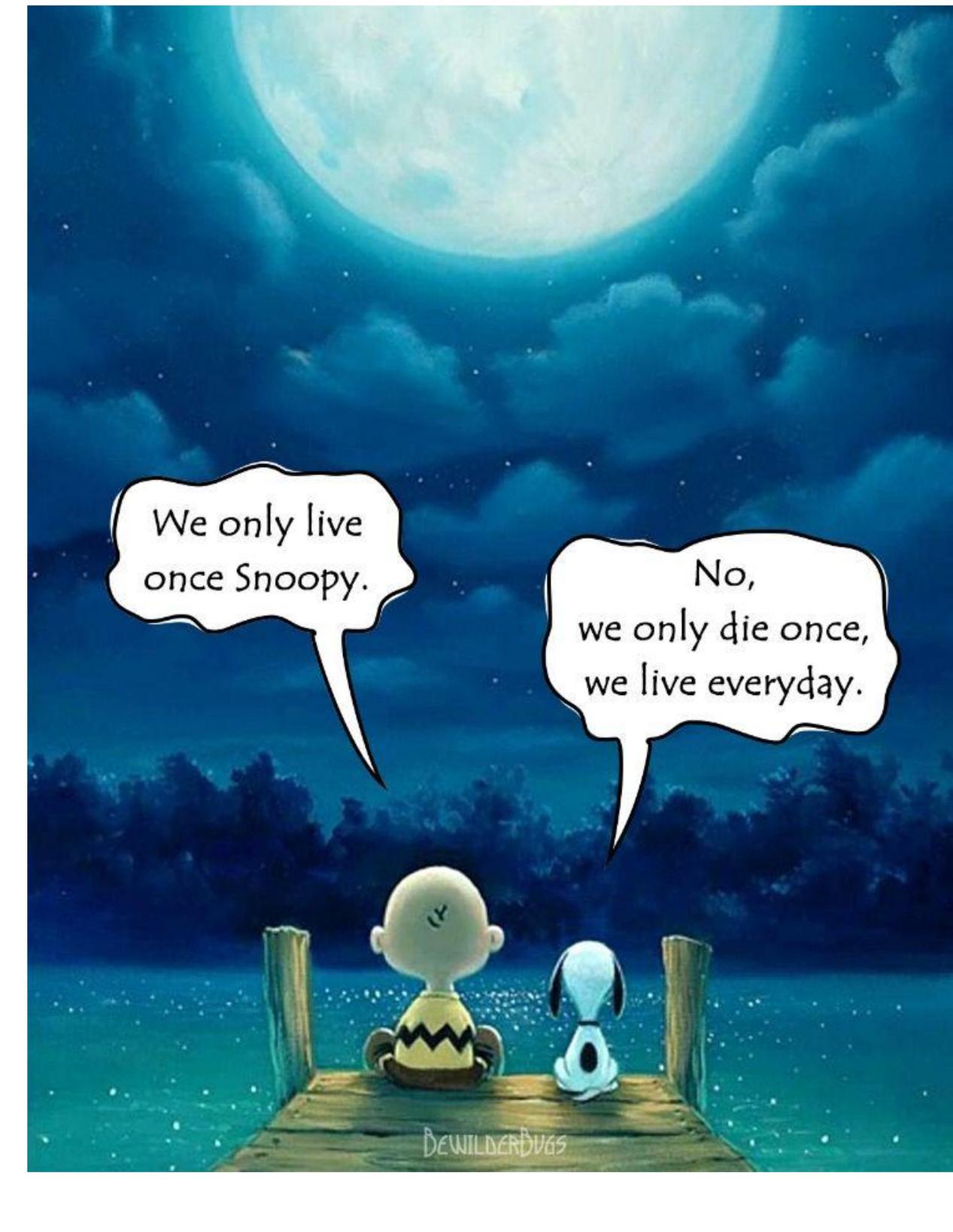
**“ALIVE AND ANEW IN LIVING GRACE!” - APRIL 4, 2021**  
**EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
**ACTS 10:34-43; JOHN 20:1-18**

**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Have you ever hoped tomorrow things will get better? Has someone ever told you, ‘Tomorrow is a new day’? Did you believe them? Have you ever gone to bed tired, confused, frustrated; hoping when you wake up, you will have a new perspective, new determination, new energy, new hope? Or do you usually say, ‘Yeah, right; more likely tomorrow will be the same old, same old’? ‘Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,’ they came to the tomb. First Mary, then Peter with the disciple Jesus loved. It had been a long Friday, a long Saturday. What real difference would a new dawn make for those who once followed the Christ? They had no idea! Suddenly, they would step in; and they believe! Mary would hear her name! They were alive and anew, they had seen The Lord! Today is not the same old, same old! We, too, are alive and anew in living grace, for Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

1. As we celebrate today The Resurrection of Our Lord, we are invited to proclaim, to believe, to trust we are resurrected, too, raised to be alive and anew, in the blessings alive in the living grace of The Risen Christ!
  - A. We are raised to be alive and anew, in all we search for and find in The Risen Christ! John 20:1,3-7
  - B. We are raised to be alive and anew, as we hear our name spoken by The Risen Christ! John 20:16
  - C. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the forgiveness of The Risen Christ! Acts 10:43
  - D. We are raised to be alive and anew, in a new day, a new beginning in The Risen Christ! John 20:1
  - E. We are raised to be alive and anew, taking our place in the story of The Risen Christ! John 20:6-8
  - F. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the truth of eternal life in The Risen Christ! Acts 10:40; John 20:9,17
  - G. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the peace of The Risen Christ! John 20:2,11-13
  - H. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the hope of The Risen Christ! John 20:14-15

- I. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the faithfulness of The Risen Christ!  
Acts 10:36,39-42; John 20:14-16
  - J. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the living grace of The Risen Christ!  
John 20:18
2. If the glory of Easter is limited to the one time event of the resurrection, then the tomb is not all that is empty. Thanks be to God, the glory of Easter is a living hope, alive and anew in the every day events of the living grace of The Risen Christ; none of that is empty!  
John 20:18
- A. If the glory and hope and living grace of Easter do not give us life today, do not raise us up to be alive and anew in new ways today, then the life provided, in the empty tomb, is what is empty.
  - B. Thanks be to the living God, to the living power of God, to the living miracles of God, to the living Easter grace and the every day living grace of God; the tomb is all that is empty, to really fill us, to really raise us up to be alive and anew in The Risen Christ!
  - C. Be alive, anew, resurrected, raised to live, in the living grace of The Risen Christ!  
For Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



We only live  
once Snoopy.

No,  
we only die once,  
we live everyday.

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