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Resurrection Sunday

Our Focus:

JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN! JUST AS HE SAID!

OPENING HYMN: 198 (Red Hymnal)

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

Pastor: 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 paean prolong.

ALL: **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.**

Men: 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, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.

Women: Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee 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.

ALL: **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 sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.**

EASTER CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Pastor: In view of the price of our Savior's cross as payment for our sins, we humbly confess to Him:

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we too at times doubt the truths revealed in Your Word, concerning our salvation and Your will for our lives. Too often fear has filled our hearts in the face of opposition by Satan and this world. We at times hide our faith from the world, just like the disciples did theirs, and so fail in our Christian calling to both hear and share the gospel. Our thoughts, our words, and our actions so often fall short of Your will, and at times do not reflect either Your love for us, or the victory Christ has given us. We repent of our many sins and rejoice this day in the power of Your Son's resurrection. Send us Your Spirit to renew us day by day, causing us to die to sin, and to arise with Christ unto righteousness. AMEN!

GOD'S WORD OF VICTORY AND COMFORT TO US

Isaiah 25:6-9 (on back) *God will bring blessings for His people on the day He destroys death and the consequences of sin.*

CHOIR – "Glory to God" (J. S. Bach)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (on back) *The ONLY Hope worth having in this life is the hope of Life in Christ after death!*

RESPONSIVE READING

St. Paul continues to speak of Easter's Victory (1 Corinthians 15:50-56)

Pastor: Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God:

Congregation: Nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

P: Behold, I tell you a mystery:

C: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

P: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye:

C: At the last trumpet.

P: For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible:

C: And we shall be changed!

P: For this corruptible must put on incorruption:

C: And this mortal must put on immortality.

P: So when this corruptible has put on incorruption:

C: And this mortal has put on immortality,

P: Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

C: "Death is swallowed up in victory!"

P: "O Death, where is your sting?"

C: O Hades, where is your victory?"

P: The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law:

ALL: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! AMEN!



HYMN: 206 v. 1-3 (Red Hymnal)

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

RESURRECTION MESSAGE:

Mark 16:1-8 (on back)

"THERE IS NO REASON TO FEAR."

HYMN: 732 (Worship Supplement)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –SPECIAL, GENERAL, & LORD'S PRAYER

[Stand] **THE BENEDICTION** - Tune: *The Church's One Foundation* (Red Hymnal 473)

Pastor: The good Lord bless and keep you,
Lift up His smiling face,
With favor look upon you
And grant eternal peace.

**Cong: To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Most gracious One-in-Three,
The Church sings ALLELUIA!
Now and eternally.**

CLOSING HYMN: 200 v. 1, 5-8 (Red Hymnal)

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you were here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book in the hallway. If you have questions about the church or school please ask!