

The Easter Creed: (unison)
**We believe in a powerful God,
who has brought life out of death.
We believe in His conquering Son, Jesus Christ,
who gave himself up to the enemy in order
to defeat him forever.
We joyfully believe in the resurrection
and we look forward to the great feast of
victory with our risen Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers

Offering

Special Music

Communion Liturgy:
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
P: Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!
P: Alleluia! Give praise to His name!
L: Lord God of Grace, we thank you for your resurrection
power, whereby you enable us to pass from death to
life.
**P: We thank you for the love of Jesus and for the
coming of your kingdom.**
L: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His
disciples, saying: “This is my body, given for you.”
P: We do this in remembrance of Jesus.
L: Again, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in
my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sins.”
P: We do this in remembrance of Jesus.
L: May the bread and the wine which we are about to
share be signs of our renewed covenant with you;
**P: And may we ever be faithful, until at last we
celebrate the feast which has no end.**

The Lord’s Prayer

The Distribution of Holy Communion
Sing: #619 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Communion Response:
L: Christ is alive! Alleluia!
P: He is alive and well; and is with us today!
L: May the God who has raised His only Son from death
to life, raise you up to new life in Christ.
P: Amen. Let it be so!

Prayer

Benediction
L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.
P: Amen.
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Go, tell the news to all the
world!
P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn #376 “Thine is the Glory”

Dismissal

Blessed Easter!

**May the risen and living
Lord Jesus Christ
fill you with peace and joy!**

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Welcome in Jesus’ name!

We extend a **special welcome** to guests and visitors.
Please speak to an usher or to Pastor John if you
are interested in becoming a member of
Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn #365 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

Easter Litany:

L: Have you heard the Good News! Christ is risen from the grave!

P: Alleluia! The Lord is alive!

L: Come! Let us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

P: Let us worship the risen Christ!

L: From out of the darkness of sin and death...

P: We welcome the dawn of new life.

L: From out of sadness and despair...

P: We find gladness and hope in the news that our Lord is alive!

L: With the rising sun we praise the Lord of Life!

P: With joyful song we celebrate the victory Christ won over death!

L: With confidence and courage...

P: We join in proclaiming the triumph of our God!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

P: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn #380 “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” (vs. 1-4)

First Lesson:

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ -- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 118: 14-24

L: The LORD is my strength and my might;

P: He has become my salvation.

L: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

P: ‘The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.’

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

P: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD’s doing;

P: It is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hymn #389 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (vs. 1-2)

Gospel:

Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn #389 “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (vs. 3-5)