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### GATHERING

*The Assembly gathers inside the darkened sanctuary in silence. The reading that began on Good Friday concludes.*

A reading from Luke.

*The Assembly travels outside to the cemetery to gather by the fire in silence. An unlit candle is given to each worshipper.*

\*Greeting

...be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*Welcome to Easter Vigil

\*Prayer

...Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Tracing the Inscription on the Paschal Candle

Christ, yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the ending.

To Christ belongs all time and all the ages;  
to Christ belongs glory and dominion  
now and forever. **Amen.**

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts  
and minds.

### PROCESSION

*Light from the Paschal Candle is passed until the assembly's candles are all lighted. The assembly enters the darkened sanctuary, following the Paschal Candle and presiding minister, stopping to declare:*

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Easter Proclamation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...This is the dawn! **This is the dawn!** (repeated refrain)

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Prayer of the Day

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Candles may be extinguished; sanctuary remains dark; moment of silence.*

### WORD

*Lights in the sanctuary are turned up, candles on the altar are lit, nave is decorated, and bells ring to announce the good news.*

\*Pg149 "This is the Feast"

\*Pg151 Gospel Acclamation

\*Gospel: John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sermon

\*#361 The Day of Resurrection!

\*Thanksgiving at the Font

\*Pg235, 237 Affirmation of Baptism

\*#449 We Know that Christ is Raised

*As you receive the sprinkling of water, you are invited to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.*

\*Prayers of Intercession

\*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

### MEAL

Offering

\*Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*Preface

\*Pg153 Holy, Holy, Holy

\*Eucharistic Prayer:

...until he comes.

**Christ has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

...will be no more. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

...with all the world. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

...now and forever. **Amen.**

\*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.**

Pg154 Lamb of God

Communion Hymns: #362, 367, 376

\*Pg154 Prayer after Communion

### **SENDING**

\*Blessing

\*#382 "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

\*Dismissal

**Go in peace, share the good news! Thanks be to God!**

*Welcome to worship at Cross.*

*Assembly responses are in bold. Page numbers are found at the bottom, while hymn numbers are found at the top of pages in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

*Jesus invites you for communion this morning which will be distributed continuously from the center aisle.*

*Ushers will direct you forward; return to your seat via the side aisle.*

*Wine is the lighter liquid; grape juice is darker and located in the center cups.*

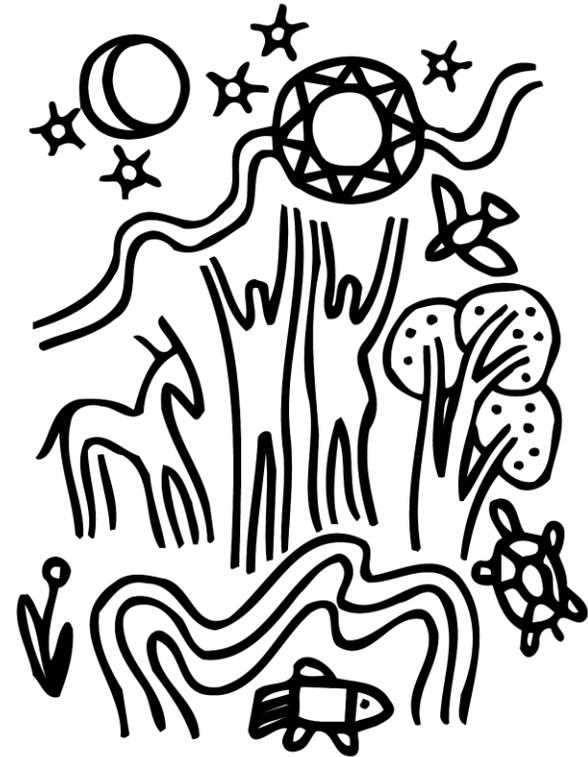
*Gluten free wafers are available.*

*We love to connect with our visitors; please leave your contact information in the guest book at the entrance.*

*Thank you for participating in this worshipping community!*

Please join in a celebratory breakfast following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

# *Easter Vigil*



We remember the story of Jesus' death and then travel to the cemetery to remember the disciples who went to Jesus' tomb in early morning, expecting only to find signs of death.

We gather here among the markers of loved ones and ancestors, remembering that they are not lost to death, but are joined with Jesus Christ in his resurrection.

This is the surprising hope and joy of our Sunrise Easter Vigil: through Jesus Christ, God's light and life are victorious over darkness and death.