Easter Worship

With Communion



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# **Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** God's work. Our hands.

# Easter Worship

To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you welcome!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **GATHERING**

# THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. Amen.

Joined with Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the first born of the dead. In baptismal waters our own life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the spirit of the new creation.

#### Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection.

# Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's needs through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

#### Amen.

### **GATHERING SONG**

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

# WORD

# FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43 PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24 SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ. After the reading, please be seated.

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

# MEAL

#### **OFFERING**

At this time an offering is collected to support the ongoing ministries of the church.

#### **OFFERING HYMN:**

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God, In this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

### 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...unending hymn: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

#### Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The minister continues:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

# LORD'S PRAYER

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

The assembly may be seated.

# **COMMUNION SONG:**

#### ELW 472

# COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

### Amen.

#### DISTRIBUTION

Following the distribution, the minister blesses the assembly.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ + strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, In you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to know your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

#### Amen.

# **SENDING**

### BLESSING

The God of all,

who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

# SENDING SONG

# DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin. Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.** 



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The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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