



Easter at the Silver Drive-In
April 12, 2020: 8 AM & 10:30 AM
Sponsored by Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
ALL WELCOME!!!

NOTES:

1. Printing this resource ahead of time and bringing it along will be important. We are told that smart phones and other electronic devices will not work well at the drive-in. For safety reasons, we will not be handing out copies of this resource on Easter Sunday.
2. Please “bring your own bread” for the celebration of communion. We will be using bread only since the crucified and risen Christ is fully present in both elements. As with bulletins, we will not be handing out any bread for precautionary reasons.
3. All sound will be broadcast through the drive-in’s FM transmitter at 88.3 FM. Tune in when you arrive, during the service, and after the service. There will be things for to hear and to enjoy the whole time.
4. Everyone should remain in their cars with the windows up.
5. All who are attending should plan ahead of time to not use the bathrooms. The service should last for about an hour. For your safety and everyone else’s safety, bringing a chamber pot would be preferable to using the bathrooms.
6. You might also consider bringing along blankets or quilts, as we do not know what temperature it will be when the services begin.
7. We have had many, many Facebook views. We have no idea about what attendance will be like, but it might be a good idea to come early.
8. Volunteers will be present to help you park your car. Please follow their instructions both before and after the service so that we can safely accommodate as many as possible and empty the lot afterwards in a timely and organized fashion.
9. The Richland Police Department will be present for the entire event, helping with traffic, oversight, and safety.
10. What follows is not a detailed breakdown of the entire service. It includes just a rough outline, as well as copies of some of the scriptures and the songs that will be used.

Gathering Scripture and Song

(Jesus said), "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me. Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying to us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"... They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you, (John 16:16-22, NRSV)

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Sundown and Sunup Since Mid-March

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine. My heart, my soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus trust alone in Thee. Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, True God, true Man, My Morning Star. O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.

O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind. In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine. My thoughts, desires, and all my longing, I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee. O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart, my soul.

Johann Wolfgang Franck

Sunup through Scripture

"Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the

dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit," (Jeremiah 31:2-5, NRSV)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well," (Matthew 6:25-33, NRSV)

Now the Green Blade Rises

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

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 into 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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit," (John 20:1-10, 19-22, NRSV)

Homily

Thine Is the Glory

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Sunup through the Sacraments and Our Witness

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his, (Romans 6:3-5, NRSV).

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, (Acts 10:39-42, NRSV)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 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! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 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!
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!