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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Welcome!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" The resurrection of Christ is our highest reason for welcoming you, our guests and visitors, to this service of worship and praise. Our prayer will always be that today God works in you his hope for this life and eternal life. His hope comes through his risen Son, Jesus Christ. We'd love to share that message with you again. Please return to worship with us soon! We ask you to sign our Guest Book on the desk in the church entrance.

Today's Worship Theme:

The risen Savior gives life from the dead.

Prayer Before Worship: We praise you, O God, for raising your Son from death to life, thereby guaranteeing our salvation. Fill us with resurrection joy, peace, strength and comfort. May we always live in that joy—dead to sin but alive in Christ. Help us share that good news of Christ's resurrection with a dying world. Amen.

Our Communion Practice: Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice closed Communion in our congregation. This has been the practice of Christians for centuries and is thoroughly scriptural. It judges the heart of no individual, yet expects that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. *For this reason we ask that only members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) join us for the Lord's Supper today.* If you have any questions about this or any other matter of the Christian faith, please feel free to speak with the pastor.

The congregation stands at the ringing of the chimes and faces the center aisle. The Alleluia banners return. As the cross and word process past you, turn and face the front of the church.

Opening Hymn

438 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text (sts. 1-3): tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; (sts. 1-3): Latin, 14th cent.; (st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
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Opening Responses

M: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

M: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here; he has risen!

M: Come and see the place where he lay.

C: Remember how he told you, "The Son of Man must be raised again on the third day."

M: He is not the God of the dead but of the living.

C: I will not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done.

M: If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

C: Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

M: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

C: the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

M: Where, O death, is your victory?

C: Where, O death, is your sting?

M: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sins

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

V: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

∴ Amen.

Hymn of Praise

169 Welcome, Happy Morning

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished; heav’n is won today!”

Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore!

Him, their true Creator, all his works adore. (Refrain)

Ref “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished; heav’n is won today!”

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
God from heav’n beholding human nature’s fall,
of the Father’s Godhead you, the only Son,
mankind to deliver manhood did put on. (Refrain)

Source of all things living, you came down to die,
plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.
Come, then, true and faithful, come, fulfill your word;
this is your third morning—rise, O buried Lord. (Refrain)

Text: tr. John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.; Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.
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Prayer of the Day

R: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading*Job 19:23–27*

“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 15:19–26*

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, 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.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel*Mark 16:1–8*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Easter Anthem

151 See, What a Morning

(Choir)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

(Choir)

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

(Congregation)

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, thro' the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with him, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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The 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

(All)

1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving head!

(All)

2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives all-glorious in the sky; he lives exalted there on high.

(Girls and Women)

3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

(Boys and Men)

4 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

(All)

5 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

(Girls and Women)

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

(Boys and Men)

7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.

(All)

8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1739-1799, abr.
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Sermon Text Mark 16:1-8

Sermon Theme God on Trial: Vindicated!

Offering

(The offering plates will not be passed. Meditative music will play and the offering plates will be brought forward and placed on the altar.)

Prayer of the Church

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: **He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.**

V: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

∴ **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

V: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

∴ **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

A: With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt. Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

∴ **Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.**

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

(special prayers and intercessions may follow)

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(silent prayer)

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

Lord's Prayer

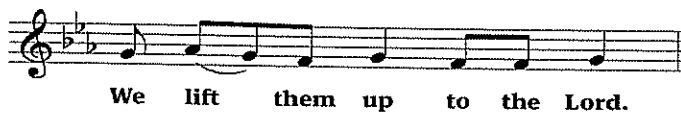
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Open Preface

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

ly, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

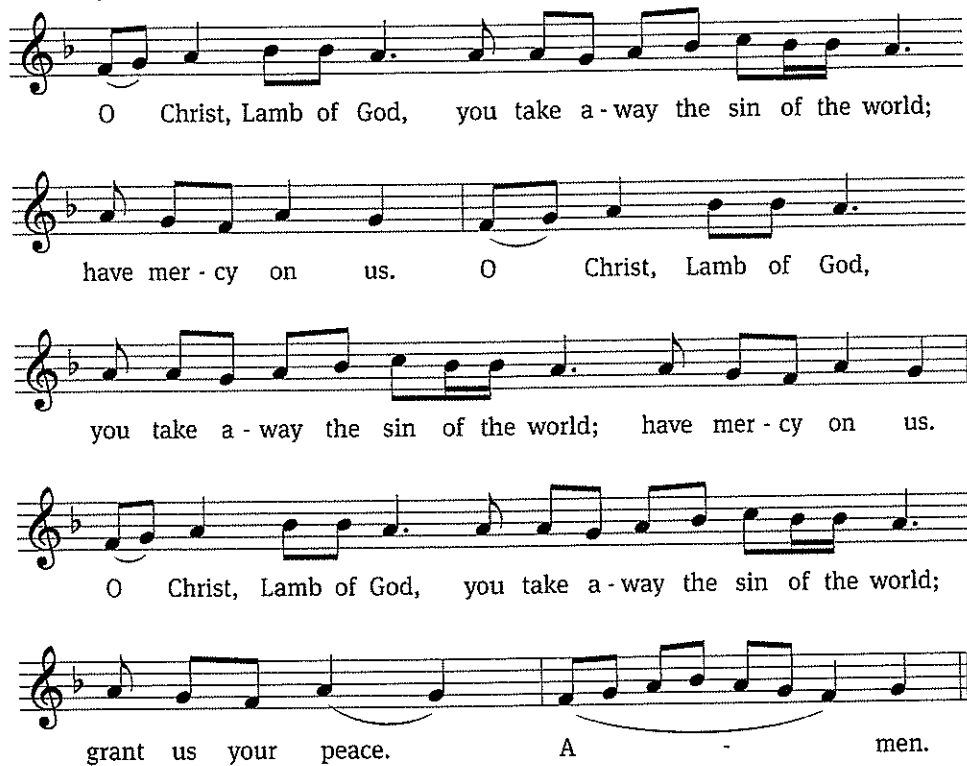
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - - - men.

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Text: tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.; Latin, c. 4th–10th cent., alt. 17th cent.; Text: Public domain

Distribution

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

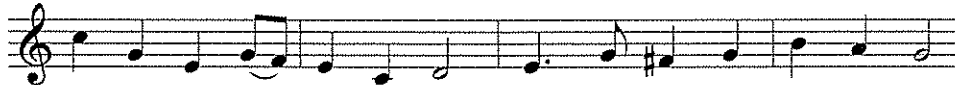
C: Amen.

Recessional

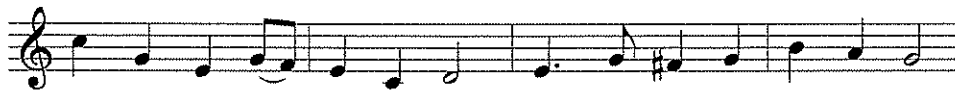
As the congregation sings stanza 4 of the Closing Hymn, the Cross and Word will recess. As the Cross and Word pass you, turn and face them and then continue turning until you face the back of the sanctuary. As soon as the Cross and Word exit the sanctuary, turn and face the altar. We'll remain standing as the candles are extinguished.

Closing Hymn

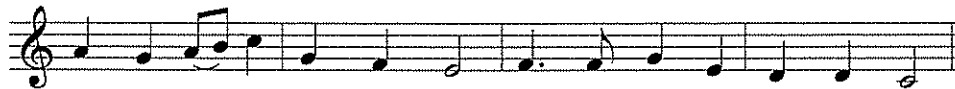
455 Alleluia! Jesus Lives



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
- 2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
- 3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?
- 4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
Praise the Vic - tor - King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.
you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.; Karl B. Carve, 1763-1841, abr.
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887
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Prayer After Worship

Now will I cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er he passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow him through all. Amen.

Announcements

Parents, a cry room is located in the back of the church off the narthex. Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall.

A Williams Sound System receiver is available for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Copies of the sermon manuscript will be available on the Guest Book desk after worship.

Communicants, questions for self-examination before Communion are in the Hymnal on p. 295-296.

Copies of the April edition of our congregation's monthly newsletter, *The Resurrection Story*, are available on the table in the narthex.

The Tuesday morning Bible Class with *not* meet this week.

Pastor Voss will be at a synod meeting in WI this Tuesday-Friday. He can be reached on his cell phone, 937-623-7541.

Easter Egg Hunt! All children are invited and welcome to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt immediately after worship today.

If you purchased an Easter flower, please take it home with you today.

Our Week With Our Lord

Monday,	Pastor's day off
Tuesday-Friday	Pastor at synod meeting in WI
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 AM	Worship

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

3/24 Attendance

Worship—74
Adult Bible Class—29
Sunday School—2
Holy Thursday Worship—62
Holy Thursday Communion—50
Good Friday Worship—61

Serving Next Sunday

Fellowship Refreshments—???

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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