

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

8:30 & 10:00am

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Easter Festival Worship

On Good Friday, we watched as Jesus' body was laid in the tomb. But his death didn't reveal the finality of death. Rather, it revealed the finality for death. What a change! Death has been swallowed up in victory; Christ has risen just as he said! Death no longer has mastery over us. Easter means that death ends in life!

On this most holy of days, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Connected by grace, through faith, to our risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory of the resurrection and in full confidence of our own resurrection from the dead.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don't worry; most of those worshiping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children's Room to the right as you exit the worship area.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

Thank you for worshiping with us today! Whether you are a guest or a member we would love to know you are here! Please use this QR code to sign our digital friendship register. There are also tablets available in the back of Church for you to sign in.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Presiding Minister Organists Instrumentalists Pastor Collin Vanderhoof Pastor Aaron Winkelman Amy Balza, David Porth Trumpet – Matthew Hahn, Victor Margulius, Micah Vanderhoof Tuba - Ethan Ganshow, Keith Gennerman Trombone – Sarah Mayer (also flute), Kellan O'Connell Timpani – Jon Balza, Violin – Elise Mayer

AN EASTER CELEBRATION

Stand

Easter Welcome

Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, let us worship.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

The Choir will sing stanza three, the Congregation is invited to sing the "Alleluias"

- Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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An Easter Dialogue

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. **Christ is risen!**

The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness

Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous! When I was in great need, he saved me.

The Lord is my strength and my song; **He has become my salvation.**

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: **The Lord's right hand has done mighty things.**

Be seated

This Is the Feast

Sung in unison



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Jonah 2:2-9

²He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out, and you heard my voice.

³You threw me into the depths, into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

⁴I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

⁵Waters engulfed me so that I was near death. The deep surrounded me. Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down. The earth locked me behind its bars forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

⁷When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

⁸Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

⁹ But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

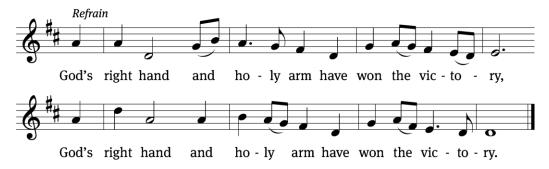
What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full. Salvation belongs to the LORD!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

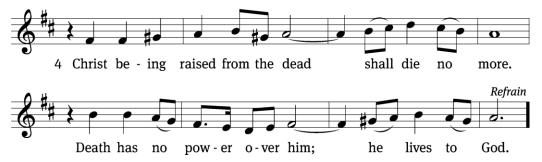
God's Right Hand and Holy Arm

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The congregation is invited to sing the refrains and stanza four.



- Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more.
 Death has no power over him; he lives to God. (Refrain)
- 2 Why seek the living now among the dead? Recall his promise unto you; he lives again. (Refrain)
- Gone is death's victory, gone is death's sting.God gives to us the victory through Christ our Lord. (Refrain)



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Second Reading

15 Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ² You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

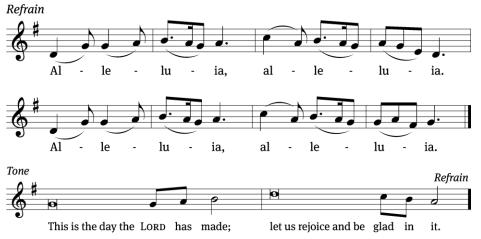
⁶ After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹ So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Sung in unison



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Gospel

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!" ⁸ They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** Be seated

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1:all, 2-3:men, 4-5:women, 6-7:all



- 5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us; he died on the accursèd tree so strong his love—to save us.
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death passes o'er, and Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival to which the Lord invites us; Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to us imparts eternal sunshine to our hearts; the night of sin is ended. Alleluia, alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day on Christ, the bread of heaven; the Word of grace has purged away the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink indeed; faith lives upon no other! Alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

Jonah 2:2-9

Stand

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life. **Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom. Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

Offering

There are offering boxes available in the back of Church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, we have provided a QR code at the end of this worship folder. You can also go to pilgrimcares.org/giving to give your offerings online.

The Sacrament

The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ, and with one another, as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. With that in mind, we invite all members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to come forward. If you wish to partake of the Supper with us in the future, please speak to one of the Pastors after the service. They would be happy to help you take that step.

Stand



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Holy, Holy, Holy

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

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. Amen.



Jesus, Lamb of God

Be seated

Distribution

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his piercèd 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!
- 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!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

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- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

CW 443

- Awake, my heart, with gladness see what today is done! Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun. My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made when to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.
- 2 The foe in triumph shouted when Christ lay in the tomb; but lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom. For Christ again is free; in glorious victory he who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.
- This is a sight that gladdens—
 what peace it does impart!
 Now nothing ever saddens
 the joy within my heart.
 No gloom shall ever shake,
 no foe shall ever take
 the hope which God's own Son
 in love for me has won.

4 Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior dear.
My Lord will leave me never; with him I need not fear.
He rends death's iron chain; he breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow him through all.

He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold, whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:
"Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown prepared; who there with me has died shall here be glorified."

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

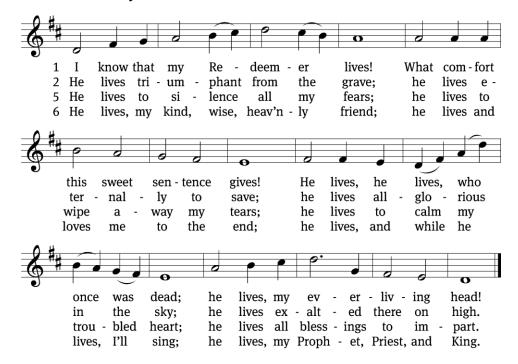
Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Be seated

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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- 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.
- 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!

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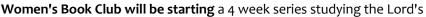
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News & Notes

Thank you to everyone who provided flowers for Easter! Adamson, Ekstowicz, Hermanson, Januzzi, Kirchner, Klessig, Meier, Moore, Pankow, Renner

Pastor Winkelman would like to make home visits with you over the remainder of this year. Every family is highly encouraged to schedule a visit. In order to accommodate scheduling you may schedule a time to visit either by following the QR code or by calling the office.



Prayer. We will read and discuss the book **Our Father: Harnessing the Power of the Lord's Prayer. Our Father** is a small book with big insights. It gives you a behind-the-scenes look at the deep meaning of the Lord's Prayer. As you see each phrase devotionally unpacked, you'll be more than inspired. You'll be *empowered*. Book Club will meet on April 20 & 27, May 4 & 11 at 6:30 in the Gathering Space. Order the book on line from <u>https://timeofgrace.store/products/our-father</u> it is \$5. Please let the office know by April 10 if you would like them to order you a copy. Come ready to discuss pages 4-12 on April 20.

The Offering envelopes are here! Please pick yours up as soon as possible from the table in the narthex. If you need them dropped off, let us know. If you prefer to switch to auto withdrawal or online giving, let the office know. <u>office@pilgrimcares.org</u>

Come to the theater! Falls Patio Players will be presenting "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The Tabitha Society is planning to attend the performance on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m., everyone is invited! Performances are held at North Junior High School. Tickets are \$17. Please sign up on the sheet on the shelf in the church entryway. Write your checks to Tabitha Society, and put them in Chris Bachmann's mailbox (#4).

Note the Date Change The Spring Rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be held on Saturday, **APRIL 29**, at Salem Lutheran Church. from 8 a.m. until noon. Please join us for an enjoyable and inspiring morning. There is no sign-up sheet and no cost to attend the LWMS rally, but a freewill offering will be gathered. Questions? Ask Irene Lape or Joan Meier.

Pastor Wade Johnston will be speaking for the Milwaukee County Historical Society (910 N. Martin Luther King Drive) on April 20, at 6:00pm. Join us for a discussion as we explore what happened in 1899 when the Republican governor of Wisconsin tried to mandate English language education for some subjects in the schools of the state – public and private.

The 2nd WELS Youth Night will be held at Zion Hartland on 4/16. This time around we are adding door prizes for attendees and the teen who brings the most friends will receive a \$50 gift card. Date/Time: Sunday, April 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM Location: Zion Hartland (1023 East Capitol Dr.) Online Registration: <u>Youth Night Online Registration</u> (please sign-up by Thursday, April 13th) if you have any questions contact Jim Boggs, Youth & Family Minister (317) 509-2610

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4-9	<u>7:00am</u> Phill Lepple Rick Kleszczynski	<u>8:30am</u> Bryan Giesenschlag Noah Vanderhoof	<u>10:00am</u> Glen Kuphall Dave Chmielewski
4-16	<u>8:ooam</u> Matt Lawonn Keith Gennerman	<u>10:30am</u> Jim Prekop Joe Januzzi	
GREETERS			
4-9	<u>7:00am</u> Volunteer	<u>8:30am</u> Pete & Amy Kuske	<u>10:00am</u> Volunteer
4-16	<u>8:00am</u> Joe & Marlene Bedalov	<u>10:30am</u> Marge Ekstowicz 8	Elke Warren

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- Kindle spiritual growth by cultivating a relationship with God in prayer, worship and Bible study,
- Enlighten and equip people to contribute their gifts in service to God and the community, and
- Reflect the light of Jesus to our community and the world.

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