



The Resurrection of Our Lord

The Festival of Easter



Pre-Service Music

Please take time to fill out our visitor cards found in each pew and never be afraid to greet those near you. It's Easter after all.

OPENING BELLS

St. Paul's Chime Choir

GREETING & INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God reminds worshipers of their baptisms.)

Minister: Christ is Risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

CW#443

During the second stanza the Paschal Candle will be lit. This candle burns throughout the 50 days of Easter (today until Pentecost) and represents the risen Lord shining in the splendor of His resurrection among his people. It is also lit for baptisms (Romans 6) and funerals (John 11:25), as we rejoice in the hope, comfort, and victory the resurrection guarantees through faith.

A female voice reminds us of the women who first approached the empty tomb.

Soloist: *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.*

A male voice reminds us of Peter & John who rushed to see what they were told.

Soloist: *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 over the grave.*

Please stand as the organ begins to play

Women: *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.*

Men: *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.*

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."*

CONFESSON OF SINS

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RESPONSE

O Sons and Daughters of the King | CW#456:1,9

adapted for our use today

***O Sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing
Today the Grave has lost its sting. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!***

***On this most holy day of days to God our hearts and voices raise
For-giv'n we sing e-ter-nal praise. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!***

RESURRECTION COMFORT

(These words are used in the service of Christian Funeral. They offer us comfort in grief as they proclaim our eternal victory over the grave.)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: *“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Jesus gives us this comfort: *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”*

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

When Christ who is our life, appears.

Then we also will appear with him in glory.

We will be before the throne of God

And serve him day and night in his temple.

Never again will we hunger;

Never again will we thirst.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Christ is Risen!

(Loudly) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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RESPONSE

Alleluia! Sing His Praise

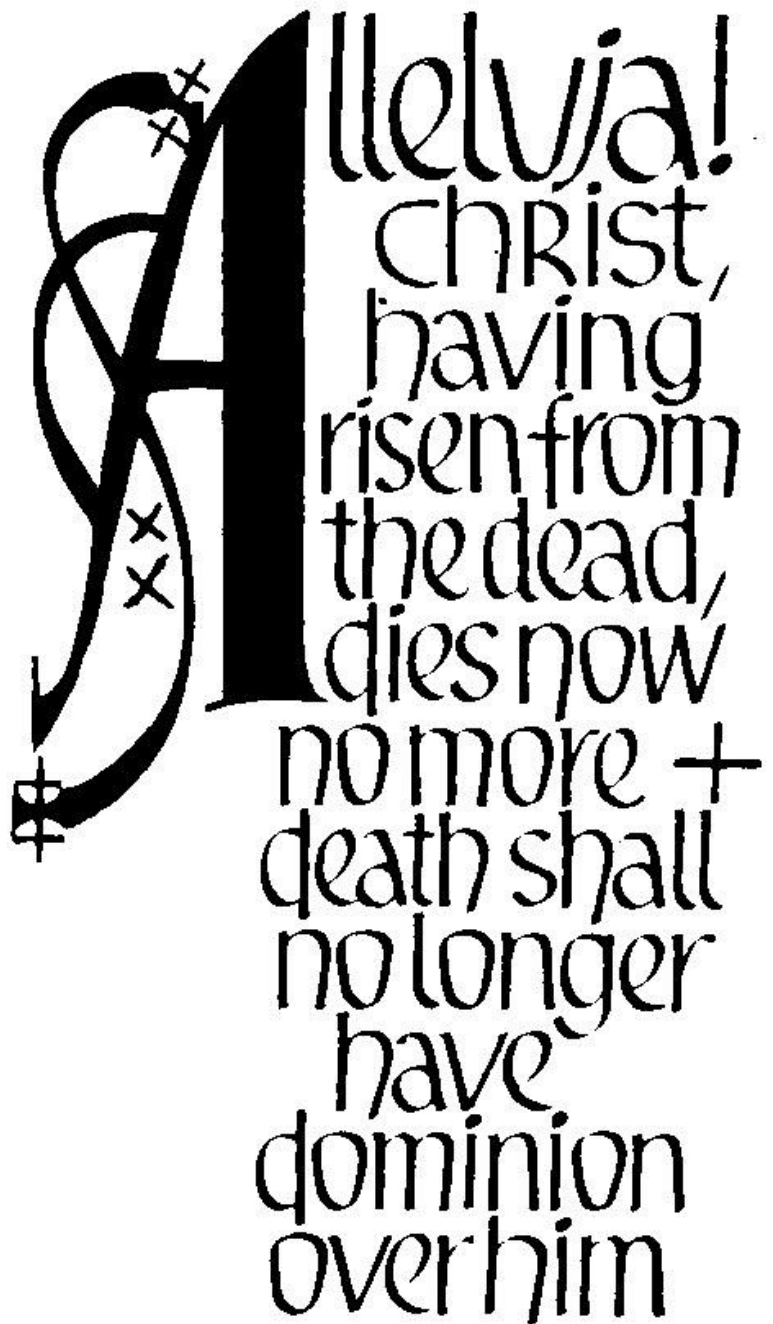
by Robert Wetzler

sung by the members of
St. Paul's Senior Choir

FIRST LESSON

²³“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!

²⁵ I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

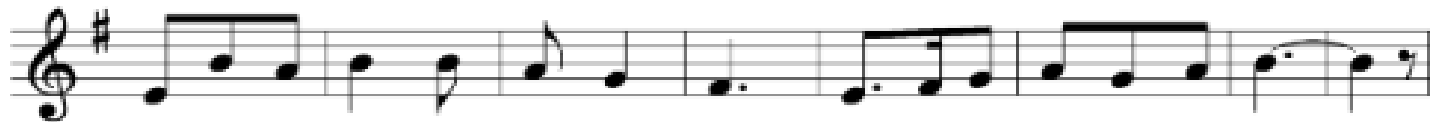


Alleluia!
CHRIST,
having
risen from
the dead,
dies now
no more +
death shall
no longer
have
dominion
over him

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118A

Refrain

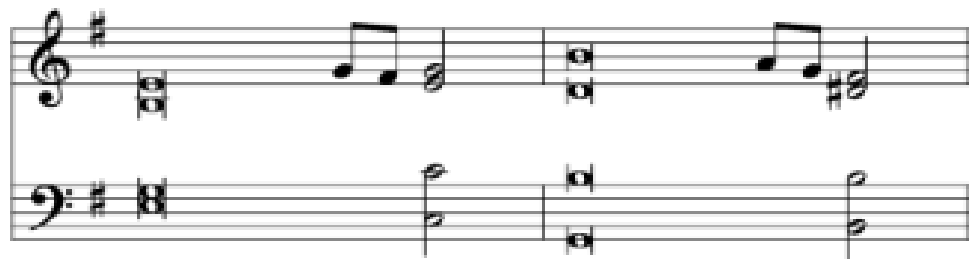


This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



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Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;

you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected

has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,

and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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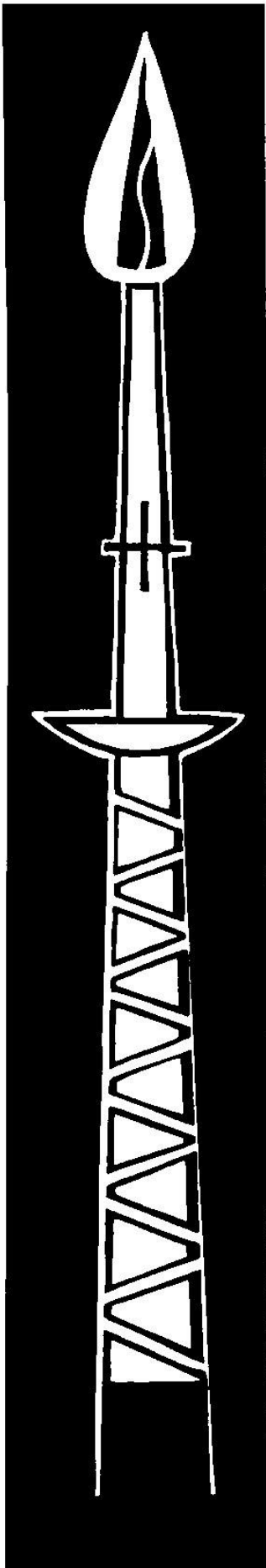
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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Please Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

taken from the Second and Gospel Lessons
Using the tune of A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (472)

*Have ye no fear this Easter Day!
Christ has a-ris'n now go and say!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Empty the tomb has lost its sting!
Now in eternity we sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu - - ia!*

The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 28.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

^{16:1} 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. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ "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. ⁷ 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.' " ⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

He's Risen, He's Risen
CW#445

*He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.*

*The foe seemed triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of Creation was nailed to the tree.
In satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain whom the evil ones fear.*

*But short was their triumph the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and satan, he vanquished his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will never more die.*

*Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.*

*Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.*

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26
The Second Lesson page 5

*Resurrection Reality
In Christ All Will Be Made Alive!*

STAND

SERMON RESPONSE

He Is Arisen, Glorious Word

CW#461

*He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!*

BE SEATED

OFFERING

*During the offering the congregation will sing CW #441 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives". As the offering is brought forward please **STAND** and join together in singing verse 8.*

*I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living Head.*

*He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly 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.*

*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.*

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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Easter Responsive

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Christ is risen!

For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

He is risen indeed!

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

Alleluia!

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.

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.

With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

You are risen!

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.

You are risen indeed!

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

Alleluia!

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

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

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

He is risen!

As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

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.

Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

CW#442

*Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where He was laid; Alleluia!
Praise Him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!
For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is risen," today we cry; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled Alleluia!
While in strange and awe-full strife Alleluia!
Met together Death and Life: Alleluia!
Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the First-born from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and power, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST SERVICE MUSIC

Welcome to all of our Guests and Visitors. It was truly a pleasure to have you with us on this Easter Morning as we celebrated the truths of Easter as our Lord once more bid us through His powerful Word to peer into the empty tomb for the strengthening of our faith.

Should you desire to learn more about St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, our School or our Preschool please feel free to speak to a Pastor following services this morning.

Thank You to all who used their time, talent and treasure to assist in the proclamation of God's Holy Word and adorn with the beauty of creation.

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!! ALLELUIA!!!

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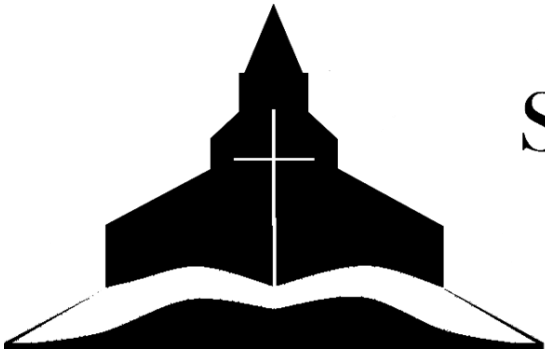
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Special thanks to all who participated in beautifying our service this morning whether choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, or organists. Thanks for lending your talent in praise of our risen Lord. He is risen! He is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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St. Paul's has been a member of the North Fond du Lac community since 1901. It is our joy to serve. If you would like to learn more about membership here at St. Paul's and all we can do for you, please speak with one of our pastors.

Our school proudly offers a Christian alternative in education.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School and Preschool are dedicated to providing a curriculum which unapologetically holds out the truths of Scripture in every subject from religion to science and from social studies to physical education, we strive to provide an environment that is faith-focused, family-friendly, and pursues educational excellence. If you would like to learn more check us out online, call the office at (920) 922-1080, or grab some materials from our entryway.



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