

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If you need to take your child out during the service, you can hear and see the church service in our cry room area located between our worship space and the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – Out of obedience to the command of our Lord and as an expression of Christian love for everyone concerned, we practice close communion. We invite all who are communicant members of Prince of Peace or visitors who belong to our W.E.L.S. fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. **If you are not a communicant member of a Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Church or belong to a different fellowship, faith, or even a different Lutheran church body, we ask that you please refrain from communing.**

In making this request, we are not implying that you are not a Christian. God's Word teaches us to regard Communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. (1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17 and 1 Corinthians 10:17.) God's Word warns us that any communicant who does not recognize that the body and blood of Christ really are present in the Sacrament brings judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Scripture also requires each communicant to examine himself (1 Corinthians 11:28) before receiving the Lord's body and blood together with the bread and wine.

We thank you for your cooperation in respecting our practice of closed communion. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Franck after the service.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, let's quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Worship Folder

ORGANIST: Sandi Lietzau

HYMNS: 143, 152, 154, 309, 157

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATION: In his great mercy he has given us a new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Savior's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN 143: He's Risen, He's Risen

**1 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.**

**2 The foe was 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.**

**3 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 nevermore die.**

**4 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.**

**5 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.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

CONGREGATION:

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

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.

HYMN 152: I know that My Redeemer Lives

**1 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!**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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!”**

OUR MEDITATION: 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.

We Have Hope In Christ!

1. What is our hope in Christ?

2. How does our hope in Christ shape our view of this life?

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 fully 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.

HYMN 154: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the King of creation.

Refrain

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

3 We have been crucified with Christ; Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

4 God has proclaimed his gracious gift; Life eternal for all who believe.

Refrain

5 Come, let us praise the living God; Joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed. The offering plate is located next to the bulletin table in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

CONGREGATION: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

CONGREGATION: **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

Pastor: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne

and singing the song of victory.

CONGREGATION: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Pastor: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

CONGREGATION: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Pastor: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

CONGREGATION: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 309: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

**1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**

**2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'n-ly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.**

**3 Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;**

In this your feast of love be with us now.

SILENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others.

LORD'S SUPPER CONSECRATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Our communion distribution practice will be quite different for the time being. We are using individually packaged communion cups and wafers, which you picked up with your bulletin in the fellowship hall. You will not be ushered forward to the communion rail. Instead, Pastor will consecrate and bless the reception of the body and blood of Christ from the altar area. Our communicants will open and receive the bread/body and wine/blood of Christ while remaining seated.

SILENT PRAYER

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

PRAYER

BLESSING

Hymn 157: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!**

**3 But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!**

Where the angels ever sing, Al-le-lu-ia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise eternal as his love, Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Al-le-lu-ia!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!

Announcements

1. Bible Hour will not meet this morning.

In adult Bible hour we continue our study of Proverbs next week. Join us!

2. Confirmation meets on Monday, April 5th, 3:30-5:00 pm.

3. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays. You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email.

This week, we continue our study of John's epistles.

4. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We are continuing our study of Deuteronomy. Join us!