



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Just
Easter

The only thing you need to withstand anything.

Service Focus:

To Withstand Guilt

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
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Good News Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our service today! We are honored to have you with us. We pray that the good news of God's love for us in his Son Jesus will fill you with joy, peace, and hope. If you are a guest today, know that we are thankful you have joined us. We hope to see you again soon!

About Our Service

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. Therefore, Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out in the following pages. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal located on the chair in front of you.

For Your Convenience

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the atrium.
- A **nursery** is available in the back of the sanctuary if your child needs a moment to be quieted. You are also welcome to use the atrium.
- **Children's activity bags**, which include activities and lessons pertaining to today's Scripture readings, are available in the nursery.
- **Large print service folders** are available from the ushers.
- **Hearing assistance** devices are available in the back.
- **Sermon outline sheets** intended to help children in grades 4-8 follow along with the sermon are available in the back of your service folder.

Easter Series: Just Easter

March 31 (Festival Service): The Last Man Stands

April 7: To Withstand Doubt

April 14: To Withstand Guilt

April 21: To Withstand Deception

April 28: To Withstand Loveless Truth

May 5: To Withstand Truthless Love

May 12 (Ascension): To Withstand Stagnation



Service Focus

How can you possibly be prepared for anything life might throw your way? The things that can knock us down and drag us under can come at any moment and from any direction. Nevertheless, it's possible to withstand anything so long as you have one thing: Easter. This week we see that just Easter is able to help us withstand guilt. Although the light of God's law exposes our sin, Jesus' resurrection means that forgiveness can be found in his name. His death was a sacrifice that made sufficient payment for the sins of the whole world. He now lives as our advocate, pleading our case at God's right hand. Rather than holding our guilt inside, we can confess it before God and know he will forgive.

Prayer before the Service

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Service Leaders

Pastor of Good News: Jonathan Bauer

Vicar of Good News: Jacob Borgwardt

Pianist: Liz Borgwardt

Cantor: Mark Pitzen

Instrumentalists: Jacob Borgwardt, Tom Hansel, Jonathan Bauer

The Service



Hymn

449 This Joyful Eastertide

Stand

*This is known as
the Paschal
Greeting. During
the Easter Season,
whenever the
minister says,
“Christ is risen!”,
the people
respond loudly,
“He is risen
indeed!”*

Invocation*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Confession

I know that my redeemer lives,

and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

Job 19:25

* The paschal candle (*paschal* means related to Easter) is a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among his people. Normally the paschal candle is placed near the baptismal font and is lit only for baptisms and funerals. During the season of Easter it is located in the chancel near the altar and burns at every service.

Because our Redeemer lives, let us approach God's throne of grace, not with words of self-defense but with a confident plea for his mercy:

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

Those who sin have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1,2

Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—

is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

After his resurrection, Christ commanded his church to proclaim forgiveness in his name, promising that their words were as certain as his. Therefore, at Christ's command and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:23

Amen.

My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians
15:57,58*

This rich and triumphant Easter hymn was written by Martin Luther and appeared in one of the Lutheran hymnals first published in 1524.

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of Lutheran worship, we will sing it throughout the Easter season.

Song of Praise

439 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens -
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple to
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death



es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands
 de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the crown
 con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



and brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
 from death's pale brow for - ev - er. Stripped of pow'r, no
 the reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 more it reigns; an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
 plain - ly saith that death is swal - lowed up by death;



loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dis - graced, it lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 3:11–20

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, even our worst sins are forgiven and our burdened souls can be refreshed.

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms have been used by God's people in worship since the Old Testament.

The Church sings Psalm 150 in services that encourage God's people to proclaim his message.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 150

Refrain



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



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Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain**

Second Reading

1 John 1:5—2:2

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

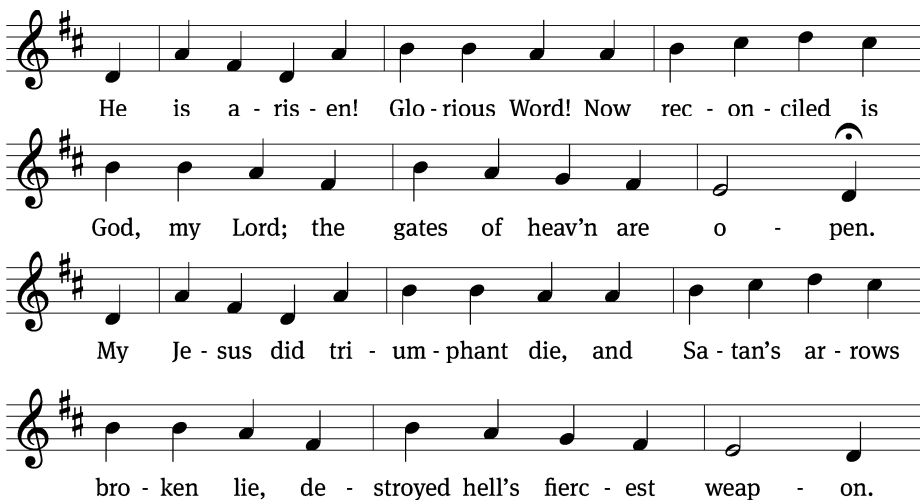
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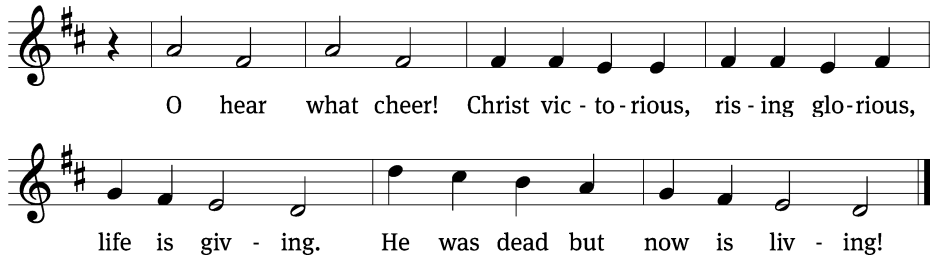
Stand

Gospel Acclamation

461 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is
God, my Lord; the gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, and Sa - tan's ar - rows
bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



Now that Jesus had died and risen—just as foretold, repentance and forgiveness in his name would be preached in all the world—just as foretold.

Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

The congregation sings:

O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing glo - rious,
life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

442 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

Sermon

1 John 1:5–2:2

Stand

Nicene Creed *Credo*

**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

O God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as you have glorified your servant Jesus by raising him from the dead, keep us in the way of repentance that our sins may be blotted out by him. Give us refreshment in this hour from your presence, so that we may be kept in faith until he returns to restore all things. Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

By the incarnation of your Son and the reconciliation of his cross, you have made us your children and gathered us into your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of your Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husband and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are your children, upheld by your right hand. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Amen.

Offering

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please visit GoodNewsLC.org/connect (or scan the QR code on the back of the service folder) to let us know you were here. To support our ministry with an offering, visit GoodNewsLC.org/give.

The Sacrament

Holy Communion is a priceless gift from Jesus intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity with each another. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before doing so today.



Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

In the presence of the Triune God, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty." (Isaiah 6:4). The Church sings the same song in preparation for Holy Communion, firmly confessing the Lord's presence in the Sacrament.

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.**

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.

“O Christ, Lamb of God,” (Agnus Dei) is usually sung after the Words of Institution prior to the distribution. This festive hymn will serve as its substitute throughout Easter.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Be seated

Distribution

Those communing may come forward at the direction of the usher.

Distribution Hymns

454 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
 465 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Stand

Thanksgiving

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

Psalm 118:1

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

1 Corinthians 11:26

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.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Be seated

Hymn

446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

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Serving You Today

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The News @ Good News

Week of April 14, 2024

Soccer Camp Registration Open

Registration for our 2024 Good News Soccer Camp is now open. Soccer camp is for students entering 4K through grade 6. Information and online registration can be found at GoodNewsLC.org/soccer.

Soccer Camp Volunteers

A great team of volunteers is the key to making our soccer camp a success. There are a variety of ways to help out. We need team leaders, assistant coaches, photographers/videographers, first day check in helpers, and plenty of other helping hands. Children and siblings of volunteers get free registration to the camp. A volunteer application can be found in the atrium.

Ascension Pig Roast

On Thursday, May 9, we will have our annual Ascension Pig Roast. The event is from 5:00-8:00 p.m. with the devotion and meal starting at 6:00 p.m. The main course (the pig) will be provided. You're invited to bring a side or dessert. There will also be outdoor games/activities assuming the weather cooperates. RSVP using the sign-up sheet in the atrium.



About Us

Our Mission

Good News Lutheran Church was established in 2013 as a mission effort of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona. Our mission is to pierce our world's deafening noise with the distinct voice of the good news.

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Our Church Body

Good News Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).