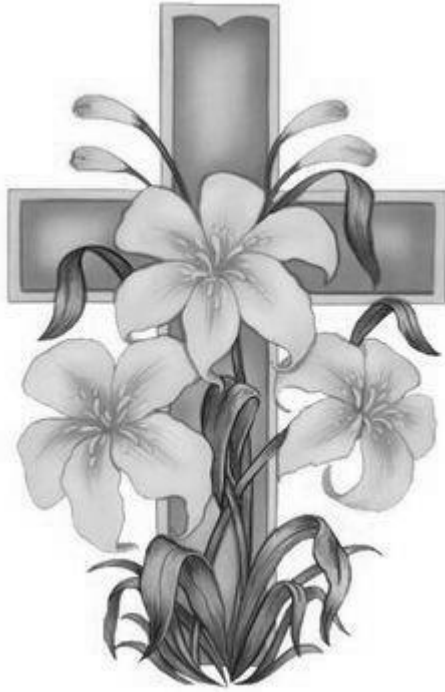


Easter Day

## The Resurrection of Our Lord



April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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## MINISTRIES

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*As Christians united in common faith, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to nurture believers and bring the lost to faith in Jesus through God's Holy Word and Sacraments.*

### ***Welcome!***

- Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
  - An elevator is available on the north side of the church entrance.
  - The basement is available to parents needing to quiet small children. The area is equipped with closed circuit TV.
  - Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
  - Hearing assistance devices are also available from the ushers.
  - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
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## Life Marches Victorious Over Death

*Death hung like a suffocating shroud over us all. It was a constant source of sorrow and shame. Death doesn't just bring life to an end. The impending threat of death spoils every moment of life that leads up to it. The moment Christ emerged from the tomb, however, nothing would be the same. Life was unleashed on humanity and it will reign until death and its effects are no more. The salvation Christ brings is not just a rescue from a world gone bad but a resurrection to a world that will once again be good. Christ's victory restores life to us even now. Even as we continue to wipe the tears that death causes, we can defiantly taunt this fallen tyrant: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

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### OPENING HYMN *(Choir sings v. 2, 4, 6)*

I Know that My Redeemer Lives - **CW 441**

### INVOCATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: In the name of God the Father:

**C: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV**

P: In the name of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ:

**C: "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47 NIV**

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit:

**C: Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NIV**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Alleluia! Amen!**

### CHOIR SINGS

Easter Carol

*Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies, who died to save the world He made and rose triumphant from the dead. Hallelujah! Rise up and sing! Hallelujah, to Christ our King!*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won. Our Christ has opened paradise, and death in vain forbids Him rise. Hallelujah! Rise up and sing! Hallelujah, to Christ our King! Let us render pray'r and approach His throne With meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks His dying love record. Hallelujah! Rise and sing! Hallelujah, to Christ our King!*  
*O sons and daughters, sing your praise on this most holy day of days. This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see His love displayed. Hallelujah! Rise up and sing! Hallelujah to Christ our King! Hallelu! Rise and sing!*

**OPENING DIALOG** *(adapted from Revelation 1:4-6, 7:9-12)*

P: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, who was, and who is to come, from our Lord Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth.

**C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us a kingdom and priests to serve God the Father--  
- to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The uncountable multitude of nations and peoples stand before the Lamb upon His throne and cry out with a loud voice:

**C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!**

P: And all the angels around the throne worship Him saying:

**C: Blessing and honor, glory and thanksgiving, power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

P: And all the creatures of the earth shout:

**C: Amen!**

P: And all the saints and angels shout:

**C: Amen!**

P: And the people of the Lamb shout:

**C: Amen and Amen!**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: 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 the 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.

**C: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>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."

**PSALM** (*Congregation sings refrains; Choir sings the verses*)

Psalm 118F (p. 632 in the psalter)

*Refrain*

I will not die but live, and will pro -

claim what the LORD has done. I will not die but

live, and will pro - claim what the LORD has done.

## READING & SERMON TEXT

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

<sup>51</sup>Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup>in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable,

and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHOIR SINGS

See What a Morning

*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!*

*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!*

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through 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! For He lives!  
Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup>When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

<sup>12</sup>Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands - **CW 440**

**Verse 1: Congregation**

**Verse 2: Women**

**Verse 3: Choir**

**Verse 4: Men**

**Verse 5: Choir**

**Verse 6: Congregation**

**Verse 7: Congregation**

**SERMON**

Pastor Matt Holtz

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: The Apostle Paul writes concerning the resurrection of Christ, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith ... You are still in your sins" (*1 Corinthians 15:14,17b*). Let us then confess our faith in the Triune God and in Jesus Christ, who "has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (*1 Corinthians 15:20*).

**C: I believe "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles . . . For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death." (*1 Corinthians 15:3-7, 21-26*)**

**OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: O God, for our redemption You have given Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sin be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, that the news of the resurrection of Jesus be heard in our community and world, so that all who need the comfort and hope of the resurrection of Christ would hear through us this Good News; Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

P: We pray for all who are sick and in need, that they may know the blessing of God's healing and beneficial care that come through doctors, nurses, and through our care in the risen Savior's name; Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

P: We pray for the leaders of our nation, our world, and our Church, that they may be guided by Your wisdom, comforted by Your presence, and supported by our prayers; because Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

P: We pray for the armed services and support personnel around the world, that they and their families may be comforted by the presence of the risen Lord, protected by His strength, and supported by our prayers; because Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit all for whom we pray especially... (*special prayers and intercessions*), trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

**C: He loves us, and by His blood He set us free from our sins.**

P: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess to You that we are dead in our trespasses and sins. We have acted as if You are not present in our lives. So often we have failed to be faithful witnesses. In Your great mercy, deliver us from the death we deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**C: In Him, we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead.**

P: If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in You, then the One who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## 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.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.** *Psalm 118:24*

P: Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church, that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation accomplished by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, that we remember Him and proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today - **CW 438**

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## **Worship Notes**

Presiding Minister: Kenneth Frey  
Organist: Dan Vogel

### Service Teams:

7:00 a.m. C. Woehler (Head Usher), T. Falck, A. Ziegler, D. Olson, T. Falck, M. Spaude, D. Falck, M. Fay  
9:30 a.m. P. Abitz (Head Usher), J. Volhard, D./V. Sheldon, J. & S. Dunsirn, P. Tiedt

Greeters: Volunteers welcome

# Welcome

**In an age of anxiety** we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**In an age of confusion** we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

**In an age of doubt** we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

**In an age of guilt** we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

**In an age of reason** we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

**In an age of change** we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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