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**HE LIVES TO TAKE ME FROM
DEATH TO LIFE**



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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.

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- Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
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 - Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.
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HE LIVES TO TAKE ME FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Without the resurrection of Jesus, death would appear permanent. No one would have come back from the dead to explain what happens after death. Jesus told his disciples what would happen. But they were slow to believe the Easter truth. God ensured that his people had witnesses to assure that Jesus did not remain dead.

He lives, and it makes a difference! I too shall live. Death has become a pathway into paradise. Jesus has already made me spiritually alive by giving me faith in his resurrection. In every possible way, Jesus takes me from death to life.

Anthem

An Easter Call to Worship

Arranged by Cliff Duren

Choir: Joy to the world! He is risen! Hallelujah!
He's risen! Hallelujah! He's risen!

Congregation:

Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns and earth, reply; Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia!
Where thy victory, o grave? Alleluia!

Choir Only to the end: Worthy is the lamb Who was slain, Worthy is the King Who conquered the grave; Worthy is the lamb Who was slain, Worthy is the King Who conquered the grave. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Worthy is Your Name! Your Name!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

Dialogue

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

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

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him will live, even though they die.

And those who live by believing in him will never die.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; he has risen!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hymn

This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. 1, 2, 5

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1 † Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

5 For the Lamb who was slain
 has begun his reign. Alleluia! (Final Refrain)

Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Word

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.

Be seated

First Reading

Jonah 2:2-9

Jesus compared himself to the Old Testament prophet who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.

²He said:

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

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

³You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

⁴I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.’

⁵The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.
But you, LORD my God,
brought my life up from the pit.

⁷“When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, LORD,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.

⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 1–4

Second Reading & Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

The account of Christ's Easter victory.

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn (*Choir sings st. 6*)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 5–8

Sermon

Pastor Justin Shrum

Stand

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

Prayer of the Church (*Congregational response is bold.*)

Several prayers and petitions will be made. Each ends:

We will not die but live.

We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

Merciful, holy and faithful Lord Jesus Christ, you died for our sins and were raised for our justification. In view of your resurrection we ask that you would awaken us also from the death of our sins and iniquities, that by your grace we may arise to life at the final resurrection of all the dead; just as you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

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Offering

Choir Anthem

I Will Rise

Arranged by Craig Courtney and Lynda Hasseler

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul I can say, "It is well."

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

Refrain: And I will rise when He calls my name. No more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagle's wings before my God fall on my knees. And rise, I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light

And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won. He is risen from the dead (Refrain)

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"

And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb" (2x)

"Worthy is the Lamb" (Refrain)

Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

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Presiding Minister: Matt Holtz

Accompanist: Becky Ryan

Featuring WELS Guest Musicians

Service Teams:

7:00 a.m. Team Abitz; AV: To. Falck

9:30 a.m. Team Blob; AV: T. Luehring

A massive thank you to the guest musicians for sharing their incredible talent, time, and dedication this Easter Sunday. Your beautiful music truly enhances our worship. We are deeply grateful for your hard work!



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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