

The Order of Divine Service for
The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday

Our Father's Ev. Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 31, 2024
8:00 and 10:00 am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

The Prelude *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
Hanley Willan

Stand and face the cross in the back of the church

The Processional Hymn *LSB 457*
setting by S. Drummond Wolff *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

The Invocation p. 151
The Exhortation p. 151
The Confession and Absolution p. 151

The Introit *Psalm 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b*

He is risen! Alle- | luia!*
Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!
Remember how He told you, Alle- | luia,*
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise.
Alle- | luia!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!*
You have set Your glory above the | heavens.

Yet You have made Him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned Him with glory and | honor.
You have given Him dominion over the works | of Your hands;*
You have put all things under | His feet.
O | Lord, our Lord,*
how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!

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.

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The Kyrie p. 152
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The Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 156

Be seated

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

LSB 460

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

The choir sings the ancient Easter text Victimae Paschali, alternating with the congregation singing the text of Christ is Arisen, as outlined on LSB 460.

The Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy 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 toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia and Verse

setting by Stephen P. Johnson

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation:



Choir: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Congregation:



The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be seated



The Hymn of the Day
choir, vs 3, 5

LSB 458
Christ Jesus lay in Death's Strong Bands
setting by Kevin J. Hildebrand

The Sermon
Text:

“*He Is Risen*”
Mark 16:1-8

Stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers

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Be Seated

The Preparation of the Altar
(*sung by choir*)

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Carl Schalk

That Easter Day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia!

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess
That we may give Thee all our days
The willing tribute of our praise. Alleluia!

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To Thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise,
And God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Alleluia!

Stand

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The Distribution Hymns

LSB 461
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 467
Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

LSB 487
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 490
Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Stand

The Post-Communion Canticle - *Thank the Lord* p. 164
The Post-Communion Collect p. 166
The Benediction p. 166

Be seated

The Announcements

Stand

The Recessional Hymn

LSB 482
This Joyful Eastertide

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Participants

The Officiant The Organist and Choir Director The Choir The Instrumentalists Trumpet Trombone Euphonium Timpani	Rev. Dr. Mark S. Nuckols Mr. Stephen P. Johnson Festival Choir Gabriel Beversdorf Dean Sievert Sebastian Beversdorf Matthew Fabrizius Dennis Hanley Erika Johnson
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If you ordered an Easter Lily, Tulip, Hyacinth, or Gerbera Daisy, you can pick them up after either of the Easter services. The proceeds from the sale benefit the ongoing work of our Altar Guild.

*Thank you to the Heritage Funeral Home
for the donation of palms for
the Palm Sunday and Easter Services.*

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Wednesday	3/20/24	4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	42 18
Thursday	3/21/24	6:30 p.m.	22
Sunday	3/24/24	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	62 112

WE PRAY for Joe Ananias (nephew of Lori Bolger), Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Melissa Brunner (daughter of Estes Grober and niece of the Gerloffs), Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Dale Grudzina (friend of the Wangs), Judy Hanson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Michelle Johnson, Patricia Kattner (aunt of Amanda McGraw, sister of Pam Coerper), Marilyn Kolter, May Lindenberg, Barbara Linder, Rev. George Mrochen, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Laurelle Rendon (cousin of Linda Goetz), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Sherri Syta, and Glen and Jeff Wolffersdorff (brothers of Donna Metzfeld).

SERVICE CHANGE In order to allow more opportunities for our parish family to intermingle, our Pastor and our Board of Elders have planned for a single Sunday Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. This will begin on Memorial Day weekend and end after Labor Day weekend. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue.

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THE LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes today.

NO THURSDAY CHURCH SERVICE this week due to Easter Sunday.

SCHOOL/CHURCH OFFICE HOURS The school and church offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 1. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Nuckols.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK Soccer practices started this week and we're excited for the upcoming season! This year, we're introducing the students in grades 1-4 to the sport. They will participate in practices and intrasquad scrimmages. The students in grades 5-8 will

comprise our official school team and will compete against other Lutheran schools. Their first home game kicks off at 4:30 pm on April 22. We invite you to come and cheer for your Our Father's Trojans!

THRIVENT MEMBERS This is a reminder to all church and school families who have Thrivent Financial Contracts that Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2023 must be directed by March 31, 2024. You need to log into your Thrivent account information to do this. You have many choices where your Choice Dollars can be given; but just as a reminder, you can designate these dollars to be given to Our Father's Lutheran Church or Our Father's Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hojnacki at (414) 427-5949.

SCRIP The next order is due next Sunday, April 7. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. *Also, please note that the website name has changed to raiseright.com, but the shopwithscrip.com link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.* Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

OUR FATHER'S LUNCHEON You are invited to the next luncheon on Thursday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m. It will be at Benny's Café located at 5354 South 27th Street, Milwaukee. No need to RSVP. Just show up! If you have any questions, contact Jan Wicks at (414) 719-9868.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	3/31	EASTER SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES NO Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Monday	4/1	NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday	4/3	CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study	8:10 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	4/4	No Evening Church Service Elders Meeting	9:45 a.m.
Sunday	4/7	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class SCRIP DUE	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

“He Is Risen”
March 31 through April 6, 2024

In the early Church adult baptisms were performed on Easter Sunday. In the week which followed, the newly baptized heard sermons each day on the Blessed Sacrament and ate the holy meal. This was to instruct the catechumens about the holiest gift the resurrected Lord gives to His Church. So holy was the Sacrament that before their baptisms the adults had not been permitted to see the Supper and had not been taught this mystery of the faith. Saving the catechesis about the Supper until after Easter emphasized that in the Sacrament the faithful see, touch, and eat the body of the risen Lord.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 16

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, defend me from the power of death and comfort me in the hour of my own death. My soul and my flesh take comfort in You alone. Keep my lips and heart from sin and show me the path of life. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Matthew 27:62-28:15
Tuesday	John 20:1-18
Wednesday	Luke 24:13-27
Thursday	Luke 24:28-35
Friday	Luke 24:33-49
Saturday	John 20:19-31

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties Of Civil Government

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. *Romans 13:1-4*

Luther, Sermon for Holy Easter (1533): Therefore, we must not only believe that Christ died and rose from the dead in his own person, but also that we partake of this suffering and resurrection as a treasured gift and derive genuine comfort from the same, even as we sing in the Easter hymn: “Christ is arisen from the grave’s dark prison; We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness.” Clearly, Christ wishes to comfort us with his resurrection. That is a great hymn and very comforting, yes, with truly inspiring text, teaching us that the victory and the glorious resurrection of this most noble person is a gift to all believers, for each one to have against his own death; I against mine, you against yours, for Christ’s resurrection is greater than heaven and earth. By it, the sins and death of all mankind have been swallowed up. My righteousness cannot redeem me from a single sin, let alone the entire burden of sin and death. But because this person is true God and man, he accomplishes it, gaining an eternal, glorious victory over sin, death, and the devil. The same victory is mine if only I believe in him and confess him to be the person who has accomplished all this for me and all believers. If a person does not wish to believe this, let him be. We preach to those who gladly hear and who have need of this message. These are the ones who live in mortal fear and despair of death and say, I have sinned; I have neither peace nor rest. When the devil attacks an individual, he makes heaven and earth too narrow for the person. The devil plagues me at times, too, creating such a tempest and fire over a forgivable sin that I find that I do not know what to do. Those are his tactics with sin. He does the same with death also. He can intimidate a person in such a frightful, horrible, heinous manner that the individual forgets entirely about God and His Word.

He is a virtuoso and a champion when it comes to sin and death, reproaching a person in a very masterful manner. . . . Against such an enemy it is necessary and needful that we arm and compose ourselves with a correct understanding of the power and fruit of Christ’s resurrection, . . . that he shares his estate and inheritance with us. He did not come for his own sake to earth; for his own sake, he did not permit himself to be crucified; he had no need of this for himself, but rather bore our sin and by his death devoured and swallowed up our death. Hell, to which we were destined, he has destroyed, as the prophet Hosea writes (13:14) . . . He is speaking of our death and of hell which held us captive, stating that he will exterminate the sin which accuses me, and he will annihilate death and hell which would devour and swallow me up. (*Sermons of Martin Luther, The House Postils, 2:14-15, Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996*)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 483* “With High Delight Let Us Unite” (stanza 2)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE WEEK OF
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

April 7, 2024
“Proclaim the Great Absolution”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 465, 470, 472, 478, 473, 480, 478

READINGS

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

The Easter season stresses faith and how faith receives the blessings of the resurrection through the Word which is preached and attached to external signs in the sacraments. Faith is believing in that which is not seen. The object of faith is Christ and His message of peace, that is, forgiveness of sins. The Gospel for this week records Christ's institution of the office of the ministry as the means through which the gifts of God would be given to the Church. Yet, Thomas requested that he see Jesus in the flesh. So today Christ's flock longs to see Him in the flesh, but now He comes to us in the office of pastor, in the preached Word, and in the Sacraments. Faith sees the promise of Christ and believes that which it does not see. Christ offered Himself to Thomas and today He offers Himself to you. Do not be unbelieving, but believe that He offers His body and blood to you for the forgiveness of sins. Do not be unbelieving, but believe that through the voice of a man He speaks the forgiveness of sins. In each case Christ physically touches His Church as He offered Himself to Thomas. As the Epistle indicates, faith is our victory over the world. As Christ fulfilled His promises in the Old Testament, faith knows that He will surely keep His promise that through Word and Sacrament He is with His New Testament Church.

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