

Easter Festival Worship

April 8, 2012

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord is the high point of the Christian Church Year. We celebrate Christ's victory over death that is ours by faith. The Paschal Candle, as a symbolic reminder of the risen Christ, helps us to celebrate the fact that the darkness of sin and death has been overcome by the resurrection. The Paschal candle will burn throughout the Easter season until Ascension.



This morning we will use the Festival Setting of the Service of Word and Sacrament as it is printed in the service folder as our order of worship.

PRESERVICE:

Church Band

*Symphony #1
He is Lord
Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

OPENING RESPONSES

STAND

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**C: (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

M: Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins

C: And he was raised to life for our justification!

M: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**C: (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Hymn 154

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my

Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O LORD, OUR LORD (sung)

C: **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sins; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sound the Trumpet

Choir: Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet,
Christ the Lord is ris'n today!
Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet,
Sons of men and angels say:
Sound the trumpet, Alleluia!
Sound the trumpet, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply:
Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet,
Christ the Lord is risen today!

For three days our thoughts remained at the cross;
For three days our hearts felt that all might be lost.
But then came the news that quickly spread:
Our Lord arose from the dead.

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

choir and 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: 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!

choir & congregation: **Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!**
 Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
 made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

choir Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet,
 Christ the Lord is ris'n to day!

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
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.

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 OF THE DAY

Psalm 118 (Page 108)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

VERSE OF THE DAY CHOIR

This is the Day

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

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. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“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. 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.’”

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Hymn 152

verse 1: all

verse 5: choir

verse 2: men

verse 6: all

verse 3: women

verse 7: all

verse 4: all

(stand) verse 8: all

SERMON

John 20:11-16

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 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 worshipped 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.**

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Antiphonal Celebration Church Band

STAND

PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the

salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

**C: (sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us.

<i>“Awake My Heart With Gladness”</i>	Hymn 156
<i>“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”</i>	Hymn 141
<i>“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”</i>	Hymn 720 CWS

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD (sung)

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.

Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

**He renews his promises and leads the people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: *He is Arisen! Glorious Word*

Hymn 162

POSTLUDE: Church Band

Trumpet Voluntary

Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:15 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:30 p.m.	Ladies' Anniversary Choir, church
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Anniversary Choir, church
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class, church basement
	8:00 a.m.	Heaven Is For Real Class, commons
	9:00 a.m.	Anniversary Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 am.	Anniversary Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study WELS & Other Lutherans 2 nd Edition

Thank you to all our organists, accompanists, instrumentalists ,band members soloists, and choir members who used their musical gifts to enrich our worship life this year during Holy Week. Your service to the Lord is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to the many members who served behind the scenes in various ways to enrich our worship life this year during Holy Week: ushers, those who stripped the altar, those who assisted at Tenebrae, those who assisted in the Easter Vigil, those who rang the bell, and those who copied and collated this booklet. Your service to the Lord is also greatly appreciated!

Anniversary Choir The male choir and a ladies choir for the anniversary service on April 15 will practice Wednesday. Regular choir will not meet this week.

Monday Bible Class and Tuesday Bible Class will not meet this week.

Easter Lily If you signed up for a lily, please take it with you after Easter Festival worship. Thanks!

Ladies of all ages, you are invited to a Tea Party on Thursday evening, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the commons. Make plans to attend! Invite your friends! Don your best tea party hat (optional) and join us for fun and refreshments.

Heaven is For Real You may have heard about this bestselling book. A father tells the story of what his son described after going through emergency surgery. Is what he describes true?. We will read the book and look at it in the light of God’s Word. There are signup sheets to buy the book in the basement. Join us in our commons Bible study on April 15 at 8:00 a.m.

Book Study Class. Our next class will be on April 15. We will discuss a new book, *WELS & Other Lutherans: Second Edition*. The cost of the book is \$12. Signup sheets are in the basement.

Anniversary Dinner There are signup sheets available in basement, the mother’s room, and by the office for the Anniversary lunch on April 15. The deadline to sign up is Easter Sunday. The menu includes hot ham and wieners along with homemade bread. There are also signup sheets for those willing to make homemade bread or donate cheese or pickles. *Please signup today!*

Anniversary Celebrations If you wish to invite former members to join us for any of our anniversary celebrations there are extra flyers with celebration information in the church basement. Please pick some up and share them with those you wish to invite.

International Student Host Family Info Night, April 12, 7pm. Interested in hosting an international student in your Christian home? To learn more about this opportunity, join us at a meeting at MLHS to get more information, ask questions, and hear directly from current international students as well as experienced host families. Questions? Contact Jen Pingel at jpingle@mlhslancers.org or 664-1489.

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