

Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather

around the Gospel to help people

Grow

in the **Gospel** and

Go

with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

March 31, 2024 Easter Festival



All Will Be Made Alive

The Triduum (TRID-oo-um, "three days") refers to the time from worship on Maundy Thursday until the final worship of Easter Day. The "Three Holy Days" of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire church year. It is over these days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter – that we celebrate God's redeeming love in the dying and rising of his Son, Jesus, and still see that love today. The Triduum is a single celebration. Once we have begun the Triduum on Maundy Thursday, we do not "leave" it until Easter Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of dying and rising, with Christ.

Easter Festival Worship 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.

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) and warns there are dangers in taking communion in an improper way (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), we practice close communion. WELS, ELS, and members of other churches around the world who are in fellowship with WELS are welcome to commune with us. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member and communing with us in the future, please speak to pastor or an usher.

Ode to Joy Our Song Shall Rise Christ the Lord is Risen Today

OPENING RESPONSES

Stand

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

C: (sung) Alleluia!

M: Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins

C: (sung) Alleluia!

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

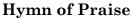
to our God a - bove,

M: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: (sung) Alleluia!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

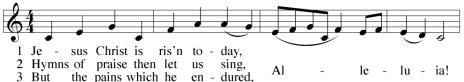
C: (sung) Alleluia!



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Jesus Christ is Risen Today CW 157

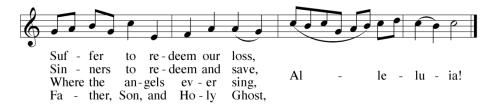






Who did once up - on the cross, Who en - dured the cross and grave, Now a - bove the sky he's King, Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707–88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt. Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Let us confess our sins to God, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
- M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

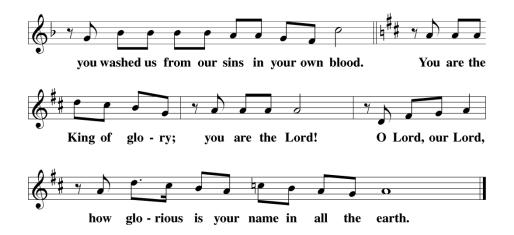
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



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: Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

Choir

See, What a Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem. Folded the graveclothes, 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 'til 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.

By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

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First Lesson Job 19:23-27

- ²³ "Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,
- ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!
- ²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
- ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;
- ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Festival Alleluia

Psalm 118 CW²¹

Refrain first sung by choir. Refrain is repeated with the choir and congregation together.

Verses are song by the choir.



The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. The Lord's right hand is raised. The Lord's right hand performs valiantly! I will not die, but I will live and will proclaim what the Lord has done. I thank you that you've answered me and have become my salvation.

Refrain (Choir and Congregation)

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; This came from the Lord; it is wondrous in our sight. This is the cay that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever.

Refrain (Choir and Congregation)

Tune by James J. Chepponis

1999 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

Choir This Is The Day

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

By Les Garrett

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Stand

Gospel Mark 16:1-8

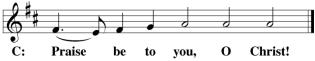
¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "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. ⁷ 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."

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

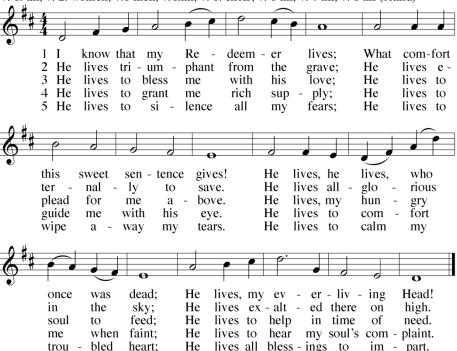


Be Seated

Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives CW 152

v. 1: all; v. 2: women; v.3 men; v.4:all; v. 5: choir; v. 6 all; v. 7 all; v. 8 all (stand)



- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.

Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Stand

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 Holy Spirit and 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.

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Offering

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Musical Offering:

Antiphonal Celebration Church Band

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: 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.



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Words of Institution

The

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."

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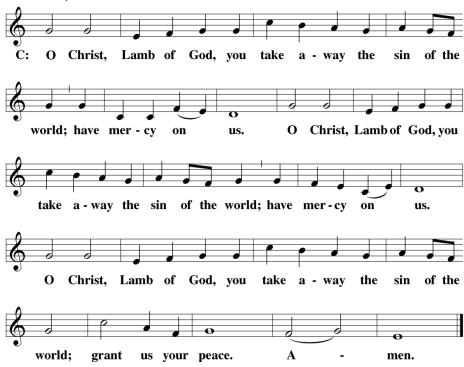
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

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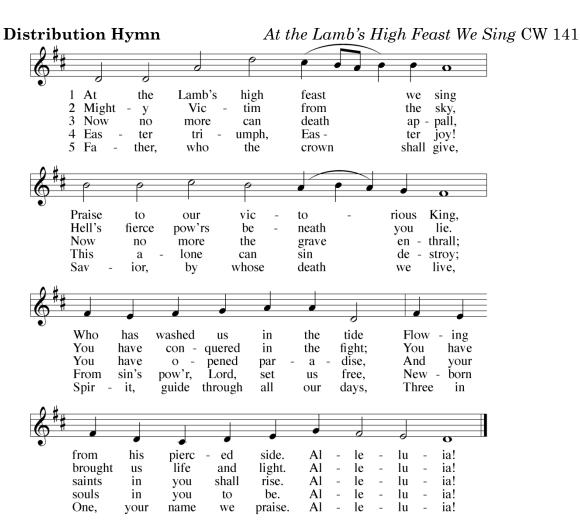
C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt. Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivancice, 1566.

Distribution Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide CW 160



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

Distribution Hymn

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done CW 148



Text: Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909, alt. Tune: VICTORY (888 4 with Alleluias) Giovanni P. da Palestrina, c. 1525–94, adapt.

THANKSGIVING

Stand

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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: Amen.

Benediction

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.

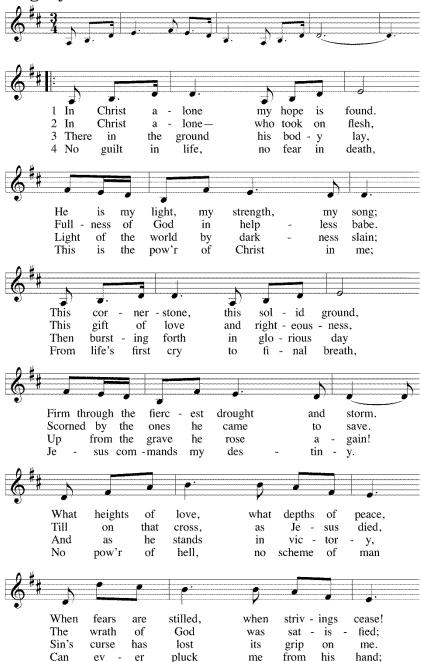
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

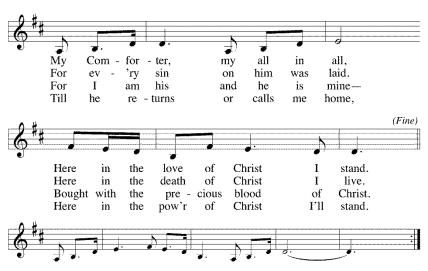
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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Closing Hymn





Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE (88 88 D)

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Postlude:

Trumpet Voluntary Church Band

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Refreshments are available in the basement after the service.

Announcement Sheets are available in the back of church.

Communion Register Please let us know you participated in the Lord's Supper today by signing the communion register. Sheets are located in the back of church, by the elevator, by the balcony and in the basement.

The Easter Lilies in the front of church today were given by the people listed on the back page. Thank you to everyone for providing lilies for us to enjoy today. The contrast between the starkness of Good Friday worship and the sights and smells of Easter worship reminds us that everything has changed. Christ is risen! We have been declared not guilty!

Lilies may be taken home after Festival Worship. Thanks again!

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The Easter Lilies

	In Memory		In Memory
From:	For:	From:	For:
Evenson Family	David Evenson	Alvin Beyer	Marcia Beyer
Don & Nancy	Wilmer & Lorraine Pantzlaff	Alvin Beyer	Jessica Beyer
Pantzlaff & Family		Hollie Eichhorst	Michael Eichhorst
Don & Nancy Pantzlaff & Family	Jean Loppnow	June & Kriss Schmidt	Lois & Erv Zeamer Sr.
Bonnie Isley & Family	Lloyd & Florence Kuchenbecker	James & Sheryl Eichhorst	Alfred & Sylvia Eichhorst
Annette Gifford	Orville Otto	James & Sheryl Eichhorst	Robert Schwister
Gail & Glen Wegner	Andrew & Rose		
	Rasmussen	James & Sheryl Eichhorst	Donna Guyette
Gail & Glen Wegner	Elroy & Alice Wegner		
John & Amy Beyer & Family	Walter & Florence Beyer	Braxton Evenson	Joyce Nackers
The Heling Family	Carla Steffel	Glen & Mary Laabs	Elory & Dolores Lemke
The Heling Family	Milan & Lorraine Heling	Family	
Jason & Michaela	Carter Hagenow	Glen & Mary Laabs	Victor & Adela Laabs
Hagenow Family		Family	
Gloria Edinger &	Don Edinger	Diane Blashka	Jim Blashka
Family		Dan Buchholz	Bud & Eldora Buchholz
Steve & Annette	Micah Gifford	John Zeamer Family	Lois Zeamer
Gifford & Branden		Stephani Family	Patricia Stephani
The David Hockers Family	Walter & Florence Beyer	Gail M. Rutter	Alice S. Wegner
John & Jodi Zeamer	Keith Zeamer	Gail M. Rutter	G. Dan Rutter
Larry & Harriet Van	Alvin & Mildred Wegner		
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Richard Tisler Sr. & Janet Gollnick	Ruth Tisler	From:	For:
		Anita & Tony Bartels	Joy Otto
Richard Tisler Sr. & Janet Gollnick	Walter & Elvira Piepenburg	David & Phyllis Wegner	All that have passed from this world to their Heavenly home
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