

April 9, 2023

HE
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RISEN

indeed

Easter Festival



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

THEME OF THE DAY: A dead Jesus would do no one any good. But a resurrected Jesus? That would change everything; that would make Easter the most important event that has ever happened. God wants us to know with certainty that Jesus lives. Because if Jesus lives, then so will his believers.

Christ is risen indeed! Mankind is redeemed! Jesus has removed the fear of eternal death. For the believer, death is now the pathway into Paradise. We are spiritually alive by faith in his gospel promises and resurrection. Jesus lives! And in every way that matters, Jesus takes us from death to life as well.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: Life is full of either/or moments, where you face an unavoidable choice between two alternatives. Some are significant and others are not. One has eternal consequences: Either Jesus is still dead, or he is risen and alive. Jesus said he would prove his victory by rising from the dead. If he is dead, he is a fraud. But if he lives, then he is who he claimed to be—the Messiah. And he did what he came to do—save us. The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of the fact that the Holy Spirit has answered this either/or for us. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Throughout this season, we explore what that means.

A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God but we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Keyboard: Luke Dorn
Instrumentalists: Zander Gosch, Brian Shult, Roger Zolldan, Reese Collins,
Dave Wurst, Sophia Enter, Ryan Wolfe
Choir Director: Roger Zolldan

Order of Worship



Easter Acclamation

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A DIALOGUE FOR EASTER

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gained the victory for us by his death and resurrection.

C: It is for us that he has triumphed.

M: Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

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

M: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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

M: For God, who created light to shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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

M: For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

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

M: If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

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

M: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

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

Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441

Verses 1-2: All

Verses 5-6: Women

Verses 3-4: Men

Verses 7-8: All



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

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.

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.

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!

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

C: Amen.

First Reading

Jonah 2:2-9

Jesus compared himself to only one Old Testament prophet, the one who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a great 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.’ ”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

For God to take us from death to life, Jesus needed to be resurrected. Anything else would mean our faith is for nothing.

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.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

He Is Not Here!

By R. Nagy

'Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to anoint our Lord,
And walking to the tomb, said, "Who will move the mighty stone that bars the
door?"

Then, behold, they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead.
Dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, "Jesus is not dead!
He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.

When John and Peter heard the strange account, they doubted that it could be
true;

But running there to find the empty tomb, they believed it too.

In the place where Jesus lay sat the burial clothing of the dead,
Laid aside, like death denied, for He was no longer dead!

"He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.

The tomb is empty, He is risen! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!
See the tomb is empty, He is risen! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! (4x)
For Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

And so we do proclaim on Easter Day that Jesus is not in the grave;
But risen from the dead, just as He said, in majesty and pow'r to reign.
"He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter! (2x)
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The women go to Jesus' tomb, hearts full of disappointment. A dead Jesus meant the loss of all hope. But the angel told them that Jesus was risen, and hope was restored.

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."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CW 440 sts. 1-4



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
 sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on
 to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
 death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 earth, and there - fore death had brought us
 crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.
 life, the reign of death was end - ed.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to
 in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er
 Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of
 grew more strong and bold and held us
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

“It happened just as he said”

Please stand after the sermon.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Third Article (Sanctification)

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Be seated.

Offering



 Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God’s work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren’t expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 Give Online

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: Father in heaven, you raised Your Son Jesus Christ from the dead as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Fill all your baptized people with the joy of his victory, and send us forth as witnesses to his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lover of mankind, prosper your Gospel wherever it is preached throughout the world, that it may give and sustain faith in all who hear it, delivering them from the power of darkness and bringing them into the joyful kingdom of your risen Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord of glory, your Son established your Church to be a refuge of peace in a troubled world. Raise up servants of your Church in every place who will devote their lives to the spread of the Gospel and the service of your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Rock of refuge in every time of need, hear the prayers of those who call upon you in times of distress, especially those who are lonely and homebound, the sick, the dying, and the mourning. May your Son ever be for them their joy in sorrow, their health in sickness, and their life in death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: God of the living, receive our thanks this day for all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fellowship and who now rest from their labors. Bring us by your grace to share with them in the triumph of your resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Special intercessory prayers may be offered here.

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The meal also bears witness to the unity we share with each other. Therefore, we invite to communion all those who share in our confession as members here or in a sister WELS or ELS congregation. We ask visitors to speak to the pastor before communing.

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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: Amen.

Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CW 440 st. 5

5 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so
free - ly gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed
tree - so strong his love - to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to
it; death pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan
can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Be seated.

Communion Distribution

For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.

Communicants may choose to receive the wine by individual or common cup. If you choose the common cup, please allow the individual tray to pass and then assist the minister by helping to tip the common cup.

Communion Anthem

Living Hope

By B. Johnson & P. Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken. I am forgiven. The king of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *(Repeated)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
(Repeated)
Jesus, yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *(Repeated)*

Jesus Christ, my living hope Oh God, you are my living hope

Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Silent Prayer and Announcements



Easter Fellowship & Celebration Continues

All are invited to enjoy breakfast and fellowship downstairs between 8 and 10:30am. Bible study and Sunday JAM for kids will return next Sunday.

Easter Worship Series

The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of the fact that the Holy Spirit has answered this either/or for us. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Throughout this season, we explore what that means. Our worship follows this path:



April 9 (Easter Dawn) – He Lives to Dry Tears and Remove Fears

April 9 (Easter Festival) – He Lives to Take Me from Death to Life

April 16 – He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace

April 23 – He Lives to Restore My Hope

April 30 – He Lives to Be My Good Shepherd

May 7 (Confirmation Sunday) – He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven

May 14 – He Lives and Calls Me to Live for Him

May 21 (Ascension Celebrated) – He Lives to Rule All Things for the Church

May 28 (Festival of Pentecost) – He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit

Easter Flowers on the Altar are placed in memory of...

Geraldine Roettger	Donald Roettger	Ron & Bealah Raleigh
Lee Hackbarth	James Wyland	Al & Eileen Lindbergh
Alfred & Joanna Stoller	Kent Hadrits	Sue Galler
John & Arlene Cromien	Tom & Dorothy Gerson	Andrew Lochner
Janice & Lloyd Grobe	Michael Miller	Maynard & Evelyn Olson
David Richert	Nicholas Dispensa	Robert Golish
Emma & Wilbert Miller	Delores & Robert Splieth	Adeline & George Light
Alice Gatzke	Wayne Swanson	Ervin & Rose Schwalich
Knute Lewis	Dave Genter	Bill & Lois Polzin
Howard & Pearl Elder	Gary Campbell	Henry Herrian
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Collin John Fitzgerald	Victor Field Prescott	Keith P Lifer
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Margaret & Martin Drusch	Harold, Carol, and Dickie Wohlers	
Gib & Eulah Schmoeckel	Franklin & Verna Gruetzmacher	
Gerhardt, Pearl, and Baby Jane Wichelman		

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers. Cards can be placed in the offering basket or left on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

