



St. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Preparation for Worship: Psalm 16 Hymnal Page 125

Invocation:

P: THE LORD IS RISEN!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

P: We rejoice this Day and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Name of the Father who gave His only begotten Son; in the name of the Son who died for us and rose again on this day; and in the name of the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith to receive this glorious victory that our hearts may rejoice.



Cong.

A _____ men.

Opening Hymn: 199 Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

With Brass

1. Jesus Christ Is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son. and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Easter Praise:

P: *Jesus said*, "I am the Living One, I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever. Amen." (Rev. 1:18)

C: "Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing." (Rev. 5:12)

P: "Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C: Death no longer has dominion over Him." (Rom 6:9)

P: "Christ was delivered because of our offenses,

C: And raised again because of our justification." (Rom. 4:25)

P: The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

SING:

Hymn 188

Halleluia! Jesus Lives! He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies of His people, yet to rise.

Confession of Sins: Selected verses from Eph. 2

P: "God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which
He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses,

C: Made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved,)

P: And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus,

C: That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

P: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Let each of us pour out our hearts before God and find comfort in His mercy ...

C: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight. (Ps. 51:1-4)

P: Through our Savior Jesus Christ, the Lord has purged us with hyssop, we are clean. He has washed us thoroughly from all our sins, and we are whiter than snow. May the joy and gladness of Christ's forgiveness comfort and assure your hearts of His abiding love for you.

SING:

Hymn 188

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heavenly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.

Faith Responds in love: Adapted from Romans 6:4-13

P: “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

C: Even so we also should walk in newness of life.

P: For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death,

C: Certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

P: Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with;

C: That we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.

P: Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

C: Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P: For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all;

C: But the life that He lives, He lives to God.

P: Likewise you also, consider yourselves to be dead indeed to sin,

C: But alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin.”

C: We will present ourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and our members as instruments of righteousness to God.

SING:

Hymn 188

Jesus lives! To Him my heart Draws with ever new delight.

Earthly vanities, depart, Hinder not my heavenward flight.

Let this spirit ever rise To its magnet in the skies.

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with

the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But 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. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Matthew 28:1-15

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and

indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. 12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 saying, “Tell them, ‘His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.’ 14 And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.” 15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

SING:

Hymn 188

Jesus Iives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.

Confession of Faith: Luther’s Explanation to the 2nd article with our response of faith.

P: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true Man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord;

**C: I rejoice in those words, He “is MY Lord.” He rules my life.
Therefore I will submit myself to Him; let His word guide me**

daily; and trust His Holy Spirit to teach me, to open my mind and my heart to believe and truly trust everything He says.

P: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death;

C: Yes, Jesus died for ME! Hallelujah! He drank the bitter cup of God's wrath against my sins so that I do not ever have to fear His wrath. Therefore I can live every day with joy and confidence, because I know that I am safe in God's hands.

Whatever troubles may come, it is not because God is angry with me, or has forgotten me. God promises to be with me through them all, therefore I will not fear.

P: That I should be His own, and live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; **EVEN AS HE IS RISEN FROM DEATH, LIVES AND REIGNS TO ALL ETERNITY. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE!**

C: Oh, the joy this gives me, I belong to Him. So I don't want to live any longer for myself but I live for Him who died for me and rose again. Yes, I will find ways to serve Him every day, serve Him with joy and gladness, knowing that I will be with Him forever. This is most certainly true.

P: I Know that my Redeemer lives

C: And that He shall stand at the Last Day on the earth;

P: And after my skin is destroyed, this I know:

C: That in my flesh I shall see God,

P: Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold

C: And not another. How my heart yearns within me! (Job 19:25-27)

Hymn:

Melody of Hymn 212

A hymn of glory let us sing;

New songs throughout the world shall ring;

Christ is risen! He is living! Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here;

Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Now still he comes to give us life And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with heavn'ly love; Now set our hearts on things
above That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day That by our lives we truly say;
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!

Be to the Father and our Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Easter Message

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up —if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

Theme:

Before the World, Jesus was Exonerated!

Hymn: 728 Christ Is Living!

Men's Choir sings stanza 1-2

Congregation sings stanza 3

Offerings for the Risen Savior:

Hymn 403: 1: Savior Thy Dying Love

Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee.
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer for Easter:

Cong: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN,

Pastor: Truly You are our Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who--
on the day of His resurrection--declared His ascension to "my Father
and your Father, to my God and your God."

Cong: HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

Pastor: Dear Father, You have declared that we were buried with
Christ through baptism into His death so that "just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk
in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4) Therefore enable us to honor Your
name with a new and holy life.

Cong: THY KINGDOM COME.

Pastor: Keep us under Your good and gracious rule through Your
Spirit and make us bold witnesses to spread your Kingdom among our

friends and neighbors that together we may be a part of your eternal Kingdom.

Cong: THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

Pastor: O Father, help us to submit our lives to Your gracious will, even as Jesus put His life into Your hands and prayed for Your will to be done.

Cong: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

Pastor: Free us from exaggerated concern and anxiety for our physical welfare, knowing that You are the Provider of our needs, so that we may truly seek Your Kingdom and Your Righteousness first in our life.

Cong: AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

Pastor: Move us to be gracious and forgiving to those who have hurt us, even as You--for Christ's sake--have forgiven us, securing our justification by His resurrection.

Cong: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,

Pastor: From the leaven within and the temptations around us, deliver and keep us, good Lord.

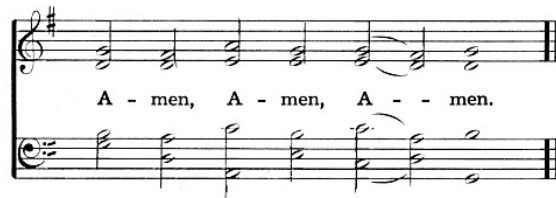
Cong: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

Pastor: Fulfill Your promises to preserve us from all evil, and keep us from despair in the midst of all trouble.

Cong. & Pastor: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN. AMEN. YES, YES, IT SHALL BE SO!

Benediction: The Grace of our Risen Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; the Love of God, who has now become our heavenly Father by faith in His Son; and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, who unites us in the faith confessing that Jesus Christ is our Lord; be with you all.

Cong.



Closing Hymn: 206 st. 1-4 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

1. Jesus Christ, my sure Defense
And my Savior, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope it giveth
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives;
Shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?

3. Nay, too closely am I bound
Unto Him by hope forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.

4. I am flesh and must return
Unto dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.



Scripture Treasure to Remember

Psalm 118:21-24

“I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

Announcements

Today - There will be no Sunday School and Bible Class. Have a Blessed Easter with your families.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30

Mid week Bible Study, 1:00 at the Parsonage.

Thursday - Pastoral Study Club at 2:00

Catechism Class at 4:00

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20

Sunday May 4 The People Place is not available and the pastor will be preaching in Loveland, CO for their Mission Festival. We encourage you to worship at home that day. Here are some links to a few other CLC congregations you can watch.

Gethsemane in Spokane: <https://gethsemaneclc.sermon.net/main/main/21025314>

Berea in Inver Grove Heights: <https://www.youtube.com/@BereaLutheranChurch/streams>

Immanuel in Mankato: <https://www.youtube.com/@immanuelev.lutheranchurchm388/streams>

Messiah in Eau Claire: <https://www.youtube.com/@messiaheauclairewi-livesun9378/streams>

CLC Call News

Principal Brandan Heinze has returned his call to Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN.

Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI. **Pastor Wayne Eichstadt** of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. **Pastor Frank Gantt** of Zion Lutheran in Loganville, GA, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO.