



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Church of the Lutheran Confession

Living the Resurrection Life!

P: The Lord is in His holy Temple.

C: **We bow down before Him in Humble awe and praise.**

Prayer: O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we come before You in humble awe and praise for the work of redemption that you have so lovingly accomplished for us through Jesus' bitter suffering and death, and through His triumphant resurrection. May the triumph of Christ's resurrection live on in our hearts as we worship and praise You today. And may You make us bold to live the resurrected life in Christ. Receive us and bless us for Jesus sake. Amen.

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Cong: A_____men.

Hymn: 200 st. 1-5 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;

 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

 He lives, He lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
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.

Responsive Reading and Song:

P: The Lord is Risen!

C. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: We now rejoice with gladness.

C. Christ will end all sadness, Alleluia!

Sing:

Hymn 198

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord
He opened Death's prison, the Incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paeon prolong.

P: The Lord is my strength and song,

C. And He has become my salvation.

P: The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;

C. The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!

P: I shall not die, but live,

C. And declare the works of the Lord.

P: Praise the Lord, call upon His name;

C. Declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted.

Sing:

Hymn 198

Our Lord was triumphant, the Savior arose,
And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.
He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.

P: I will praise You, for You have answered me,

C. And have become my salvation.

P: The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief
cornerstone.

C. This was the Lord's doing it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the Day which the Lord has made;

C. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Sing:

Hymn 198

Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Confession of Sins:

C: Oh, Lord God, our gracious Father. We confess that it was our sins that caused Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We are very sorrowful that we brought such pain and death upon the Son of God. But we rejoice to know that Christ has risen victorious over death and has given us the victory. Therefore we pray for your mercy to forgive us for Jesus' sake.

P: Upon this, your confession, I assure you that God is merciful to us. Because of Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection God has forgiven you all your sins. Let us rejoice with heart and soul in His great mercy.

Men's Choir: Just As I am

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:32-35

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more;

C: Death has no more dominion over Him, Alleluia!

Sing:

Hymn 198

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;

Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19 - 31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn: 193 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.
2. Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo, He sets in blood no more.
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.
4. Lives again our glorious King;

Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?

5. Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Sermon: Ephesians 4:1 - 6

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Theme:

The Worthy Walk of a Christian!

Hymn: 201 Jesus lives! The victory's won!

1. Jesus lives! The victory's won!
Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High o'er heaven and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3. Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4. Jesus lives! I know full well
Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5. Jesus lives! and now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,
Jesus is my confidence!

Prayers:

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

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart Lord, and make my
Re - store to me the joy and peace of Thy sal -

spir - it right with - in. Cast me not from Thy
va - tion and Thy love, Up - hold me with Thy

pres - en - ce Lord Take not Thy Spir - it nor Thy Word.
Spir - it free A clean heart Lord cre - ate in me.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical notation shows a single line of music in common time (C) with a treble clef. It consists of three measures, each containing the word 'Amen' with a long note value.

Closing Hymn: 200 st. 6-8 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly 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!"

Announcements

Today - Your Pastor leaves for Board of Doctrine Meetings in Eau Claire, Wis. this week.

Next Sunday he will be preaching for Mission Festival in Loveland, CO. and plans to return Monday May 5th.

There will be no classes or Bible Study this week.

Next Sunday - May 4 The People Place is not available. We encourage you to worship at home with your families 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>

Wednesday May 7th Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30

Mid week Bible Study, 1:00 at the Parsonage. We will resume our study of the book of Malachi.

Thursday - Pastoral Study Club at 2:00

Catechism Class at 4:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with George Rosenberg.

Sunday May 11th: Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20

Voter's Meeting

Our second Quarter Voter's meeting is planned for Thursday May 22nd. Does 6:30 work for a time of meeting? Some of the items for discussion will be the treasurer's report, our Summer plans (Youth Camp, evening Bible study in the park). If you have any thoughts on these matters or if you have anything else you would like the voters to discuss, please speak to one of the voters or to the pastor.