



Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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 your work of redemption which you 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 make us bold to proclaim the joy and peace we have in the resurrection of Christ. Hear 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 have disobeyed your loving commands and 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.

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:22-32

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’

29 “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

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.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your

faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

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.



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: 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."

Theme:

The Lord is Risen INDEED!

- 1. Believe it!**
- 2. Rejoice in it!**
- 3. Share it!**

Hymn: 206 st. 1-4, & 8 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.

8. Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they shall never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

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.

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 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.

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 - There is no Bible Study today. Your Pastor has to get to the airport to get to the Board of Doctrine Meetings in Eau Claire, Wis. beginning tomorrow. He plans to return Wednesday evening.

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30.

Catechism Class at 5:00

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Bible Study at 11:20.

Coming up:

April 27-30 Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference in Lynnwood, WA.

May 3 Our second Quarter Voter's meeting after the service. If you have anything for the voters to discuss, please speak to one of the voters or to the pastor.

CLC CALL NEWS

Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah School in Hales Corners, WI, has **returned** the call to Redeemer School in Cheyenne, WY. They are now requesting a graduate from the ILC Education Program.

Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel in Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ, has **received** the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI.