

St. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Preparation for Worship: Psalm 30 Hymnal Page 129

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!

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 15:12-26

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so

also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every 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.

John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and

said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” — and that he had said these things to her.

SING:

Hymn 188

Jesus lives! 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: Zechariah 8:19-23

“19 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace.

20 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. 21 The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.’ 22 Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord. 23 Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’” ESV

Theme:

Jesus’ Resurrection turns our Fasting into Feasting!

1. All Our Sorrow is Turned into Joy!
2. Therefore Love Truth and Peace,
3. So We can Have an Infectious Joy!

Hymn: 730 Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

1 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
The round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.

Refrain:

He is risen! He is risen!
Christ the Lord is risen!
Our joy shall have no end.

2 From death to life eternal,
from earth on to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

[Refrain]

3 Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy shall have no end.

[Refrain]

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.

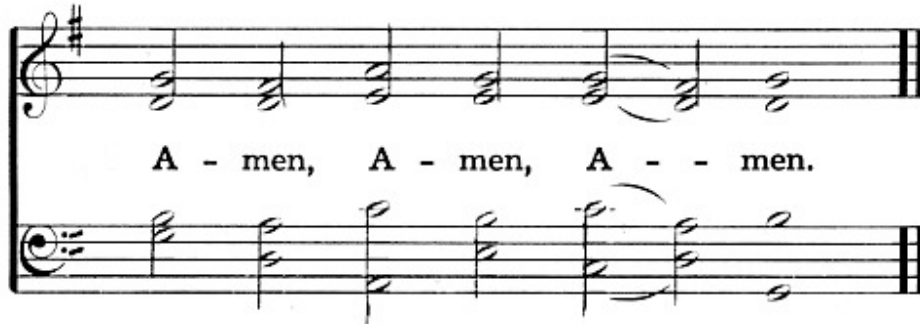
Cong: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

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: 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!



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, 2:00 at Orchard Valley.

Thursday - Pastoral Study Club at 2:00

Friday - Catechism Class at 5:00

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

No Sunday School or Bible Class. Your Pastor needs to leave after the service to get to the Airport for his flight to Minneapolis for the Board of Doctrine Meeting in Eau Claire.

Coming up:

April 13-15 Board of Doctrine Meetings in Eau Claire, WI.

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

May 3 Quarterly voters meeting after the service

CLC Call News

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saginaw, MI, has **received** the call to Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Church in West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI.

Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace School in Valentine, NE, has **returned** the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah School in Eau Claire.

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ, has received that call

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

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption in Lynnwood, and Ascension in Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Living Hope in Appleton, WI

Dr. Daniel Sullivan has **accepted** the call as professor at ILC. **Teacher**

Levi Schaller of Messiah School in Hales Corners, WI, has **returned** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY. **Teacher Lane**

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