

St. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church of the Lutheran Confession

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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: 730 Now Let the Heav'ns 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]

He is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen!

Our joy shall have no end.

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]

He is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen!

Our joy shall have no end.

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.

Harmony of the Easter Story:

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.

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 heav'nly 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: Romans 4:25

“He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification.” EHV

Theme:

Jesus’ Resurrection — the Crucial Declaration!

Hymn: 200 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.

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!"

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.

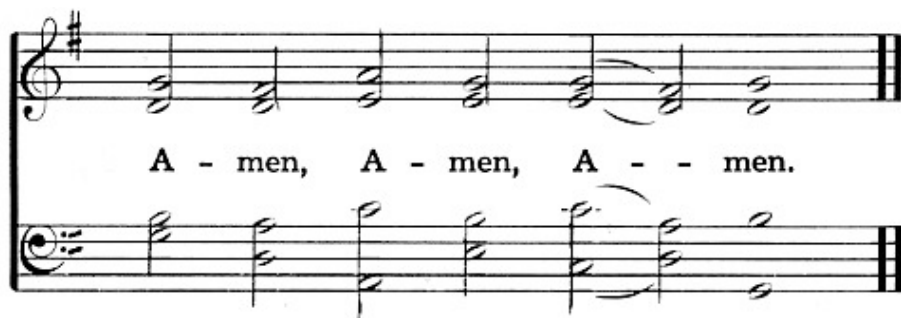
Cong: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

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: The Strife is O'er Mel. 463
The strife is o'er, the battle is now done;
Jesus, the Victor, shines in triumph won;
Forever Jesus praise to Thee be sung!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have strained to do their worst,
But Christ, our Savior, all His foes dispersed;
For this let shouts of praise and joy outburst;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which cruelly wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants were set free
For'er to live and sing Lord unto Thee!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words by Judith Snell

Announcements

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

Tuesday - Worship Service at the Pleasant Valley Manor at 2:30.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30
Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00.

Thursday - Your pastor and Julie will be leaving for Eau Claire, WI for Board of Doctrine meetings and visiting their grandchildren. If you need to contact them while they are gone, they will have intermittent access to texts and email. You can reach them by Texting (250) 309-4941 or by email: davereim77@gmail.com

Next Sunday - There will be a video service at the People Place next Sunday at our regular time.

April Birthdays and Baptisms

Megan Johnston 2nd

Mackenna Johnston 14th

Erma Kruger 31st

CLC Call News

Caleb Noeldner has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal.