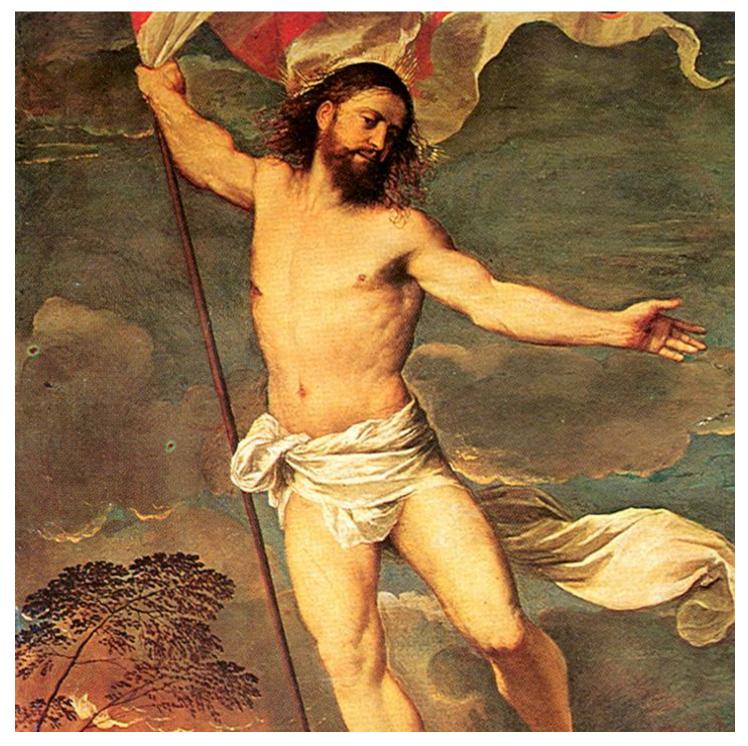
+The Divine Service+

Easter Day | March 31, 2024 | 9 am



The Resurrection of the Son of God

The Liturgy of Easter

OUR LENTEN preparations have ended, and joyous feast of holy Easter is here. Alleluia! From earliest days, the Easter was called the *Pascha*, or 'the Christian Passover.' The dying and rising of Christ were remembered and celebrated together as a 'new exodus.' God led Israel out of slavery and into freedom. Christ leads us by his death out of death to life.

ON EASTER, it is customary for the members of Christ's body to greet one another thus:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The liturgy of Easter contains these ancient elements:



+<u>The Lighting of the Paschal Candle</u>. The Paschal or Christ Candle is lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost. The Paschal Candle is *the* liturgical sign of the resurrection of our Lord. It is also lit for Baptisms and Funerals throughout the Church year as a confession of the resurrection of Christ and his people.

+<u>*Flowers*</u>. It is appropriate to adorn the Church and sanctuary with flowers, especially Easter lilies, throughout this week, in confession and celebration of the new life that emerges from the dust of the earth in the body of Jesus, the firstfruits of the new creation.

+<u>*The return of the Alleluia, and the Gospel Procession.*</u> After holding her breath and refraining from "*Alleluias*" throughout Lent, the Church exhales with exuberant praise of God throughout Eastertide. Our joy is no longer restrained. The procession of the cross is meant to picture the resurrected Christ coming right into our midst with his Gospel word of peace, just as Christ came into the midst of his mourning disciples while they were gathered in the Upper Room for fear of the Jews, greeting them and giving the Absolution.

+*<u>The liturgical color: white</u>*. The color white is used for all the festivals of Christ. It signifies the purity of Christ and the righteousness of those who live by faith in him.

+<u>*The Time of Easter*</u>. In the early Church, there was controversy over the date of Easter. Churches in the East kept it on the same day as the Jewish Passover, the 14th Day of Nisan. Western Christians insisted on celebrating Easter on the Lord's Day (Sunday), following Passover. The Council of Nicea (AD 325) finally stated that the feast of the resurrection would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. And so it is to this very day that Easter is celebrated throughout Western Christendom on this date, which, of course, varies year to year.

+The Divine Services on Easter Sunday do not contain the Preparatory Rite of <u>Confession/Absolution</u>, since the Season of Lent has prepared our hearts in repentance, and since the Church was absolved on Maundy Thursday in the Rite of Corporate Confession/Individual Absolution. The Absolution will be offered next Sunday.

The Service of the Word

Before the bell, the choir sings a Prelude, and <u>the VICTIMAE PASCHALI, Christians to the Paschal Victim</u> is sung, LSB 459-460.

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross. **Easter Acclamation**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn | 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

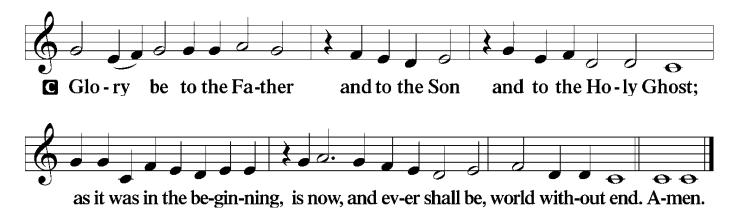
You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

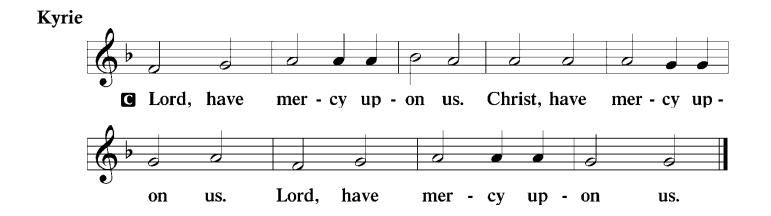
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

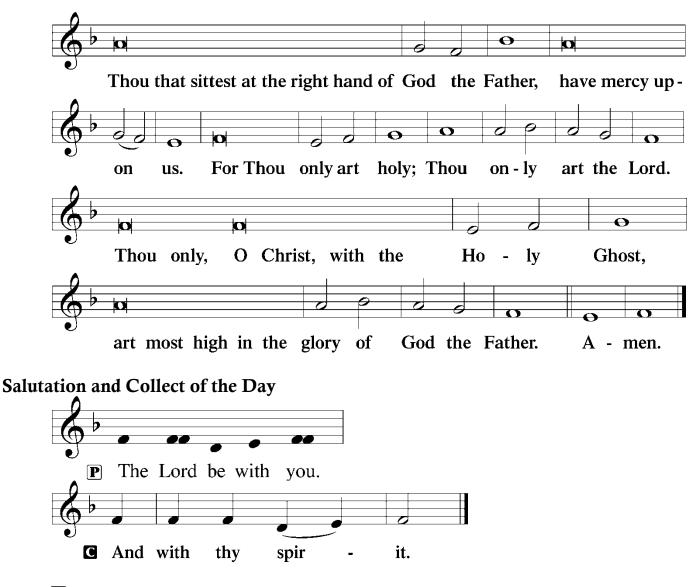
The LORD will reign forever and ever.



I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

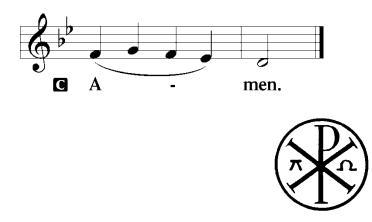


Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187 O 0 P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward θ O We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, men. O Ο 0 \mathbf{O} we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. \mathbf{O} \mathbf{O} O O Lord God, heav'n-ly God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. King, \mathbf{O} Ο O the only begotten Son, O Lord, Je - sus Christ; O Ο Ο O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, θ 0 O Θ that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. Θ Θ Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

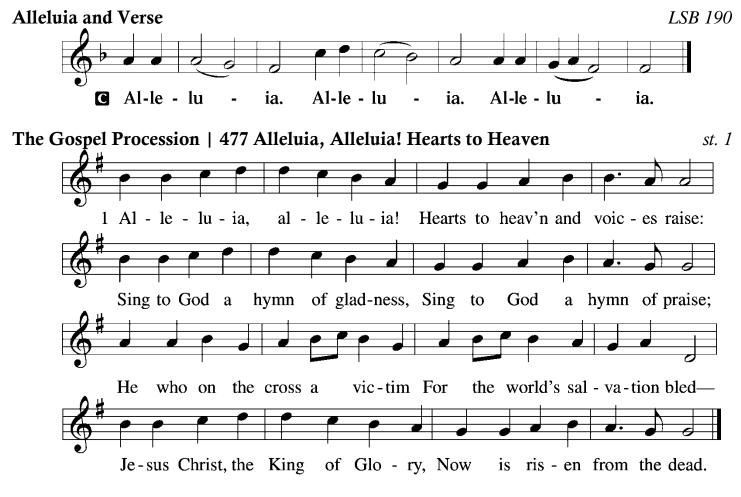
¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

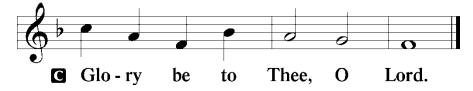
Stand Face the cross as it enters the nave.



Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

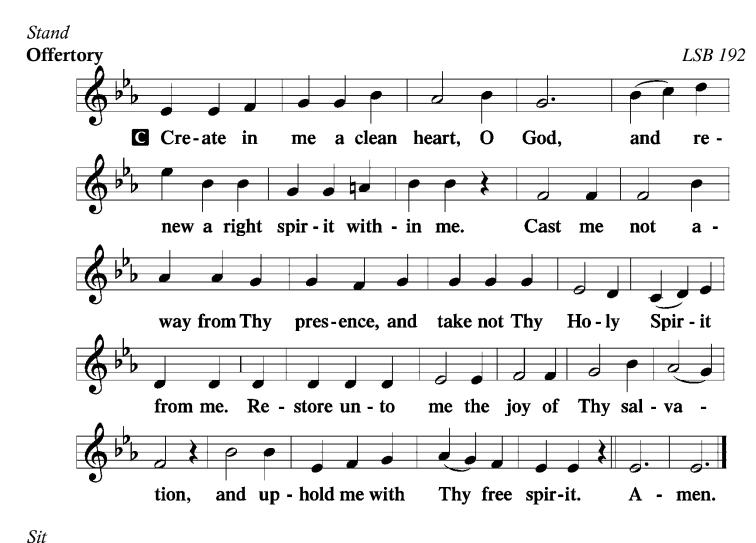
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Sit Hymn of the Day | 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

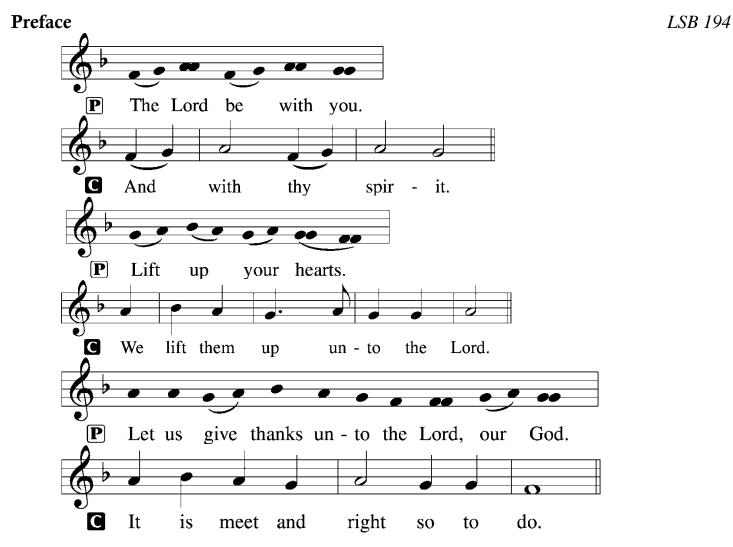
- **C** Amen.



The Offering

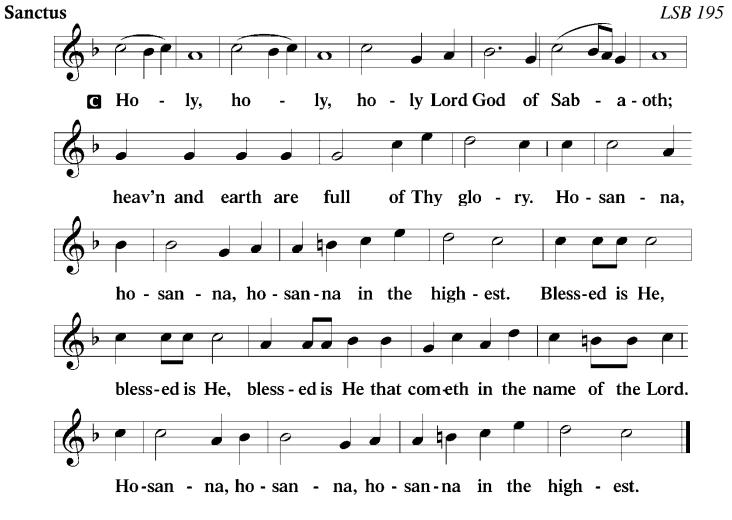
The Choir sings 'Easter Alleluia' as the Offering is received.

Stand **Prayer of the Church**



The Service of the Sacrament

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

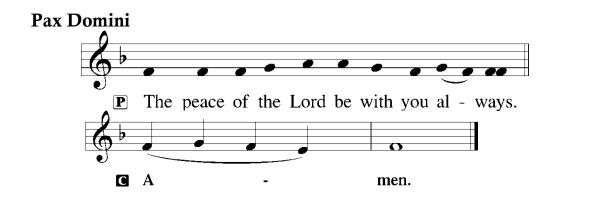


Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

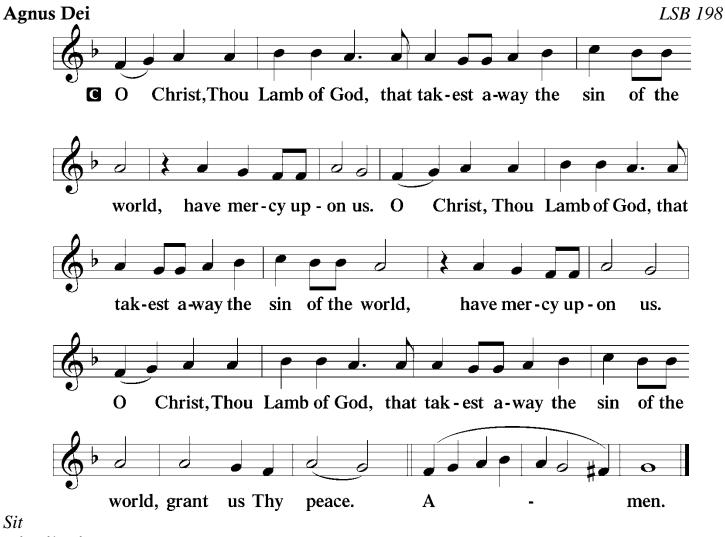
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

The Choir sings Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing.

Distribution Hymn | 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

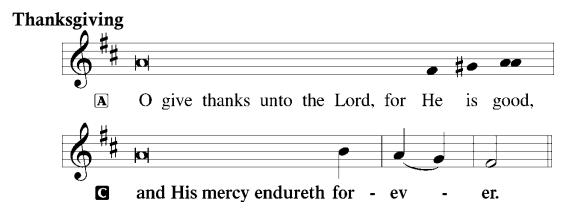
Distribution Hymn | 155 This is the Feast

Distribution Hymn | 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Stand **The Dismissal** P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.



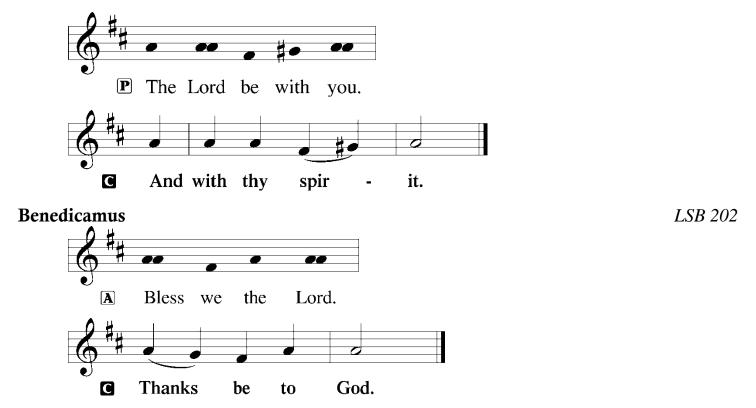


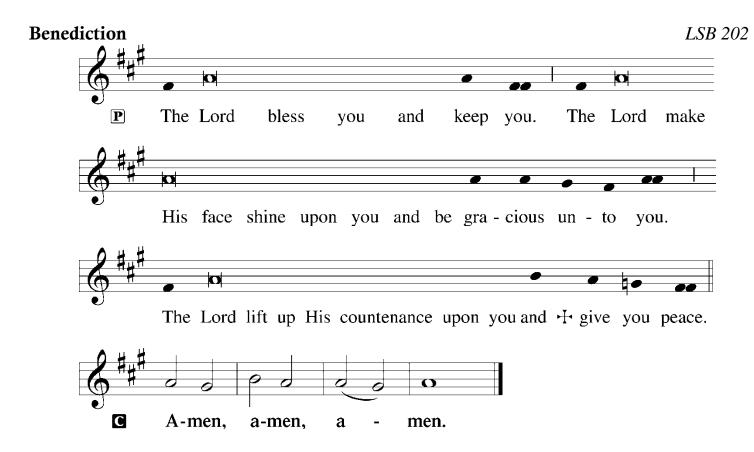
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

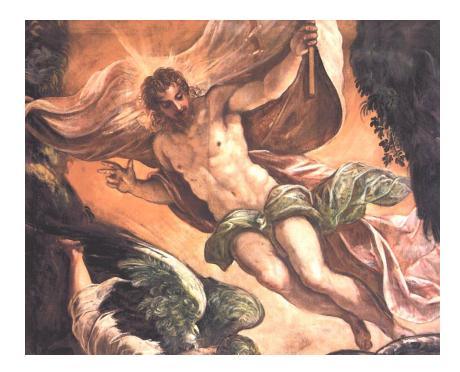


Salutation





Hymn to Depart | 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



The Resurrection of the Son of God

A Meditation on the Word of God / Matthew 28:1-10

Easter is the great Passover of the Son of God. Just as God delivered Israel through the blood of the Lamb and the Red Sea waters, so has God brought his only Son from death to life. The body that was mocked and tortured and crucified on Good Friday is now risen from the dead this Easter Sunday. On Easter, Jesus Christ is alive, raised from the dead. And when we proclaim Jesus risen from the dead, we don't just mean that his Spirit lives on with God in heaven, while his body lays moldering in the tomb. No, we mean a real, physical, tangible resurrection.

One poet said, "Make no mistake: if he rose at all/It was as his body; if the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit/the amino acids rekindle/the Church will fall."

The resurrection is that doctrine upon which the Church stands or falls. St. Paul says that if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain, everything you believe is a lie, and we Christians are a people most to be pitied. And why? Because we are not just living for today. We are living for tomorrow. We believe in the life of the world to come. We don't live with this Epicurean philosophy that this life is all there is. And you better make the most of it. Because when you die, that's the end of your existence. As the people in Paul's day said, "*Let us eat and drink for tomorrow, we die.*" What a cynical and sad and hopeless creed this is!

No, we as Christians are a hopeful people. We believe in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come. We believe that Jesus Christ is, as Paul says, the firstfruits of them that sleep. That means, merely the first one up out of the grave. And that all those who are joined by Baptism to his death will have a share in his resurrection when he comes again in glory. And that our resurrection from the dead will be no less real and physical and tangible than his own resurrection. That, just as the seal of his tomb was rolled away, so—just try, if you can imagine this—the lids of the graves in our cemetery will be popped open. And these bodies which here in this life, know sin and weakness and the corruption of the flesh—these bodies will be purified, and glorified, and raised to new and eternal life.

This is our hope. And this is our confidence. And this resurrection-confidence, dear saints, transforms everything about how we live our lives now, in the present. We know that, if in this life, we are called to suffer with Jesus, if we are called to bear the holy cross and follow Jesus, if in this life we suffer the loss things that are dear to us, and people who are dear to us, we have no reason to lose hope. We believe in the resurrection. This means that everything we lose in this life will be given back to us. It means that our loved ones who depart this life in the faith before us will be given back to us. It means we can live with the confidence of Job—Job, a man who lost everything he had—homes and livestock and possessions and children—with Job we can sing: "[But] *I know that my redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh, I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another*!" There is nothing you lose here in this veil of tears that will not be restored to you there in the resurrection. There is nothing the devil can take away from you that Christ will not give back to you. Because God the Father gave Jesus back to us, after he raised him bodily. So will he raise you bodily on the Last Day. Alleluia!

Announcements

St. Paul

Easter Sunrise/Day. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Today we will celebrate our Savior's resurrection with a **Sunrise Divine** Service at 6AM. Weather permitting, we will close this service with a procession out into the cemetery—*if you are coming to sunrise, please wear a jacket and plan to be outside for about 10 minutes: we will sing a hymn, pray a Psalm, and hear a brief homily.*

The **Easter breakfast**, hosted by our youth, is for everyone, starting about 7:30AM. <u>We are</u> <u>still asking for casseroles, baked goods, fruit, milk/juice, and any food donations you would</u> <u>like</u>. Plan to join us for a good meal. The Divine Service for **Easter Day** is at 9AM. Join us.

Elders/Council Meetings will be held <u>April 8th at 6 and 7PM</u> and the **Voters Assembly** will meet on <u>April 9th at 7PM</u>. All voting members please attend the Voters Assembly.

Gently Used/Bake Sale. Our Ladies Aid Society will again be putting on a Gently Used and Bake Sale. It will be held **Friday, April 19 from 8-4PM and Saturday, April 20 from 8-<u>11AM.</u> The congregation is invited to bring clean, gently used items to the Church fellowship hall after late service on April 14th (no TV's please!) until no later than Thursday, April 18th at noon. We will also be having a bake sale and invite anyone to contribute baked products to a good cause! The money generated from these salesare used to help with ongoing costs of upkeep, maintenance, beautification and spreading cheer here at St. Paul. We greatly appreciate all donations of time, talent, and treasure! Ladies Aid members please note we may begin sorting through the week of the 14th and will start marking items on Thursday the 18th at 5pm with the meeting to follow at 7PM. Please mark your calendars. Thank you!**

Easter Flowers. Thanks to all that ordered flowers for Easter. After the late service on Easter morning you may take your flowers home. Each flower is marked with a stick in the dirt of the pot with the purchasers name on it. Again, thank you, He is Risen, indeed!

Palms. It is a pious custom for Christians to place a palm frond behind a cross or crucifix hung in the home. We have plenty of palms remaining from Palm Sunday (and plenty reserved for burning next Ash Wednesday). Any members who would like a palm frond—take one home today. Thank you.

Youth

<u>Sunday, April 14; 2-6 p.m. – Bowling & More at Georgetown Entertainment</u> We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 to carpool to Georgetown Entertainment. There we shall bowl. We shall also enjoy the 4D Dark Ride Theater (whatever that is) and the Augmented Rock Wall and the Spin-Zone Bumper Cars. Oh, and there will be food. All of it will be included for \$10 per youth. We plan to be back at Bingen by 6 p.m. Parents, as always, we need drivers, who get to play and eat for free. Please let Pastor Brock know if you're willing.

<u>Wyneken</u>

Wyneken Annual **Spring Association Meeting**. The annual spring association meeting will be held at **<u>7pm on Tuesday, April 30th</u>** in the St. John Bingen Parish Hall. Members encouraged to pick up a copy of the agenda and proposed Wyneken budget following the service today.

Food donations sought. The Wyneken PTL Food & Beverage Committee is seeking donations for snacks for the teacher lounge! Here are just a few ideas.

- Individual snacks- individual trail mix/ nuts- individual candy - k cups- granola bars- water - soda. Let's show our appreciation to the Wyneken teachers & staff and help them finish the year strong!! Please place in the narthex in the box labeled "Wyneken PTL."

Grandparents Day. We are excited to welcome grandparents and special guests to Wyneken on <u>Wednesday, April 3 from 7:45-10:45am</u>! Invite your loved ones to check out the schedule and pre-register for our special day using the link below. Registration and check-in will start at 7:45am. Classroom visits for kindergarten - 8th grades will take place from 7:45-10am, with a chapel service to follow in the main gym. Dismissal of our special guests will follow the chapel service. Further information for this event can be found by navigating to the following site: <u>https://tinyurl.com/wyngpday</u> (A link can also be found on our website, <u>www.wyneken.org</u>). All attendees are encouraged to pre-register for the event. We hope you are able to join us! If you are unable to register online, you may call the school office (260-639-6177) with the names of your guests.

The Wyneken Wrestling Team is sponsoring a **Cornhole Tournament** at Zion Friedheim Lutheran Family Life Center <u>Saturday April 20 @ 11:30am</u>. Planning for a great day of food and fun supporting our wrestling team with prizes for the top 2 places, First Place \$100 and Second Place \$50. Single Elimination Team winning first 2 out of 3 games moves on to the next round. Opportunity to "Buy Back In" will be available. Registration Fee is \$40 per team and can be submitted the day of the tournament. Anyone interested Please RSVP by April 10 to Shane McBride 260-223-1149 or Corbin Bultemeier 260-223-7352. Come join the fun and help support our kids. All ages welcome. All proceeds will be utilized for wrestling equipment and towards the purchase of new wrestling mats. Concessions will be available.

A new SCRIP Coordinator is needed. Please prayerfully consider serving in this volunteer capacity. If interested, contact Mr. Gavrun at <u>principal@wyneken.org</u> or 260-639-6177.

Openings for Infants. The Wyneken Childcare Program would like to thank members of St. Paul, St. John, and Zion Friedheim for their continued prayers and support. We now have openings in our infant room as well as limited availability in the one year old classroom as well as in the two year old/three year old classroom. If you are in need of care, please contact us to see if we can help! Contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064. Thank you

Teacher sought. The Wyneken Memorial Lutheran school board of education seeks a middle school language arts teacher to begin in the 2024-2025 school year. Individuals who are experienced, have LCMS synodical and theological training, as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Those interested in this teaching position are asked to submit a resume

and cover letter to Principal Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or <u>principal@wyneken.org</u>.

<u>LWML</u>

The LWML Decatur Spring Gathering will be Saturday, <u>April 27 at St John Flatrock</u>, 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville. <u>Registration: 8:45 Speaker: 9:00 AM</u> - Pastor Donald Sauls and Sandy Sauls from Compassionate Ministries Network Inc. (a not-for-profit charity dedicated to poverty relief and aid in Southern Adams County). In-gathering: Food Items for Compassionate Ministries food pantry. Registration is now open for the LWML Indiana District Convention in Danville, IN June 21-23, 2024. Registration forms can be found at <u>lwmlindiana.org</u> or in The Good News. Questions, contact Marilyn Bulmahn at 260-919-5007. Each congregation in the Decatur Circuit can sent two voting delegates.At the LWML Indiana District Convention there is going to be a "Silent Auction" of gift baskets donated by each zone in the Indiana District. We would like each LWML group in the Decatur Circuit to think of something that could be placed in OUR circuit's basket from your group. All money collected from the Silent Auction will be used for Mites! Example: Preble Noodles, Steiner Goat Lotion, honey....etc.

Easter Flowers

From whom they are given, and in whose memory they are given

BART AND JAN BLUM-in Praise of our Risen Savior

GARY AND KIM FRAVEL-all our loved ones who have gone before us and in praise of Christ's victory over death

ZACK AND DANIELLE BRUNE- Servando Martinez, Bob and Faye Keuneke

TIM AND SUSIE EHLERDING- loved ones

GENE, HELEN, AND CARRIE BULMAHN- loved ones

KEN AND PENDY SELKING- family and friends

TIM AND CHERYL HOFFMAN- loved ones

JOHN AND CLAUDIA SCHUELER- family - loved ones past and present

ALAN AND JOY HAMILTON- Uncle Joe, Zack McKee, Chuck, thanksgiving for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

JIM AND RHONDA BRUNE- our parents, grandparents, and Corey Shaffer

JARED AND COURTNEY BUTCHER- our grandparents

JIM AND SANDY KOLTER- parents, grandparents, Jacob and Joseph Vogel

NUSSBAUM FAMILY- glory to God

ED AND JANINE ALBERT- Conrad, Irene, and Elaine Albert and Kenneth and Elvira Bienz

DICK AND LAVERNE BORNE- all loved ones who have passed

TIM AND JANEEN GERKE- loved ones

JAKE AND JAMIE MILLER AND FAMILY- loved ones we have lost

TED AND SUE BUUCK- loved ones

JEFF AND JULIE SCHUELER- Ken and Marlene Schueler and Bonnie Gallmeyer

SEAN AND JENNIFER FAUROTE- all of our loved ones



Prayer of the Church

+The sick and recovering: Marilyn Werling.

+Wyneken: our teachers, Chelsea Wilson, students, staff, and childcare.

+The Homebound: Marge Merriman; Laurna Bulmahn; Don Haines, Ron Selking.

+Birthdays: Peter Melcher, Madalyn Fravel, Spencer Gilbert, Pam Smith, Lynn Brege.

Acolytes 3/31

6AM Seminarians

9AM Jon Miller

Attendance

Wed 3/20 71

8AM 3/24 68

10:15AM 3/24 129

Stewardship

Offering: \$11,186.00

Online: \$735.02

Total: \$11,921.02

vs. weekly goal: +\$4,433.02

vs. YTD: -\$911.34



Weekly Calendar

6AM Easter Sunrise
7:30AM Easter Breakfast
9AM Easter Day
Grandparent's Day at Wyneken
7PM Choir
7PM Divine Service for Easter Wednesday
8AM The Second Sunday of Easter—Matins
9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School
10:15AM Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Service
11:30AM Confirmation

Sunday, March 31

Wednesday, April 3

Sunday, April 7