



**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## The Risen Lord Jesus Is Our Strength and Our Song, for He Has Become Our Salvation

O come, let us “sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously” (Ex. 15:1). By His cross, He has shattered the enemy, crushing sin and death beneath His feet; in His resurrection, He has brought us out of Egypt into the freedom of the Gospel. He has called us out of darkness into light, and led us from confusion, fear and weeping into the joy and gladness of His resurrection. He is our strength and our song, and He has become our salvation (Ex. 15:2). Thus do we hear and respond to His voice of the Gospel, as He calls each of us by name. We enter His tomb by our Baptism into His death, and just as surely as He has risen, so we also “must rise from the dead” (John 20:9). “Let us therefore celebrate the festival” (1 Cor. 5:8), not in the revelry of self-indulgence or in the debauchery of lust, but in sincere faith and genuine love. For “Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7). He has thereby set us free from sin and death, and now He feeds us with Himself unto life everlasting.

## Confession and Absolution

### The Resurrection Proclamation

*Luke 24:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Stand*

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

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 151

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

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**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## 537 Beautiful Savior

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.



- 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.



## Video: He Is Alive Today

### Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*sts. 1–3*

### Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

## 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*sts. 4–6*

**Reading***1 Corinthians 15:50–58*

<sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

*sts. 7–8*

**Video: Words from the Cross**

**474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

*sts. 1–3*

**Sermon: Three Words to Live by...**

**474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

*sts. 4–5*

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of

his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.*

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## **Service of the Sacrament**

**P** 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

*sts. 1–3*

**C** 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

*sts. 4–6*



## 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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

## Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

sts. 7–8

*Sit***Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood**

*Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.*

**Silent Prayer Just Before Communing:** *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Silent Prayer Just After Communing:** *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**547 The Lamb***Stand***The Communion Dismissal**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**550 Lamb of God****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.



## Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



## 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

April 20, 2025

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### **ST. PAUL'S FAMILY**

Michelle Michels

Cassandra Michels

Steven & Laurie Michels

Bill & Lydia Middleton, Family Brianna, Coral, Ocean, Marina

Tracy Middleton

Jacob Middleton

Travis Middleton

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Christopher Budde, 4/26

### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Lucian Ignowski, 4/20

Brian Wiltjer, 4/25

### **SPECIAL CONCERNS**

**Pray for** Janice Abel, Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Doris Leifert, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, Jessica Calderon-Phillips, James Fluechtling, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

**Rehab Care this past week** – Sandy Bodza

**Receiving Hospice this past week** – Jay Carey

## NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet Friday April 25 at 10:00 am, to review *The Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

**Christ For You the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> on KFUE.org:** Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) continues its study through 2 Samuel, picking up with chapter 17. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), we've just begun a new series in the book of Genesis! Join us as we study chapters 5-9. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (4/26 at 10:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion of repentance as found in the Smalcald Articles. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

### **The Week of April 20<sup>th</sup> Sacred Music For the Easter Season...**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

"Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'" John Stonestreet – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

He is risen

## Surprise! It's Empty!

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:2-3 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:1-12



A	G	K	Y	T	Q	S	P	I	C	E	S	X	E	F
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REMEMBER  
SPICES

MORNING  
STONE  
DAY  
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RISEN  
LIVING  
DEAD  
BODY

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



April 9<sup>th</sup> Attendance 16  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> Attendance 36, 27 Communed, 19 Online

Envelopes	\$1,021.00	Weekly Missions	\$55.00
Basket	103.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
General Fund	425.00	Church Maint.	20.00
Thrivent Choice	534.00	Social Ministry	125.00
Flowers	40.00		
Lent	177.00		
Fellowship	31.00		
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>2,331.00</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,423.00		
	<b>\$908.00</b>		



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	7:00 am	Easter Worship Service
	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	10:00 am	Book Club
Saturday		
	8:30 am	Sunday School
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	<b>Sun, Apr 20, 7:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun, Apr 27, 9:30 AM</b>
Pastor	Pastor Buss	Pastor Klein
Usher		Louis Sella
Lay Reader	Micci Orth	Tracy Middleton



Food Pantry



General Fund



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