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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1



Welcome to all of our visitors and members! Come worship with us again soon.

Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

The Festival of Our Lord's Resurrection – March 31, 2024

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM/HYMN

Easter Morning Alleluias

The choir will process while singing our opening anthem this morning. The congregation is invited to join in the singing the two verses of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

Please follow the director's cue when to begin singing.

Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye – heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise! Alleluia!

Please rise when the Hallelujah Chorus begins.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ABSOLUTION RESPONSE

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 praises prolong.

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 now lives in glory and ever shall reign. (CW 143:1, 5)



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²² For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." ²⁶ Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

HYMN RESPONSE

Alleluia! 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.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours eternally; Joined to him, your living head, where he is, you too shall be; You with him at his right hand, Victor over death shall stand.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

STAND

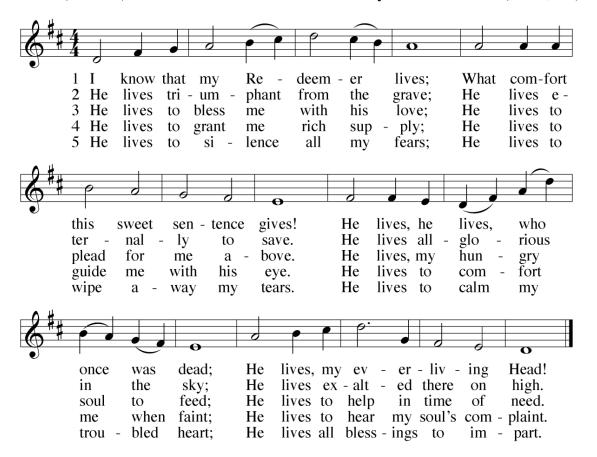
GOSPEL LESSON Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ² Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (v. 1-4, 7-8)



- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly 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!"

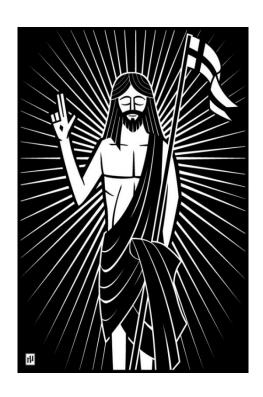
Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.

Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

SERMON Job 19:23-27

²³ Oh how I wish that my words were written down. Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,
²⁴ that they would be engraved in rock forever with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.
²⁵ As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.
²⁶ Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.
²⁷ I myself will see him.
My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.
My emotions are in turmoil within me.

Words Worth Chiseling into Stone: "My Redeemer Lives!"



CONFESSION OF FAITH

For our confession this festival day we will use a hymn setting of the "Te Deum." (We Praise You)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name 278 Te Deum 1 Ho God. - ly praise your name; Lord all. we of we glad Hark! The tial song An choirs ce les gel a -3 Blest Re deem - er. gin's Son, death vir $^{\circ}$ his ver lv Fa - ther. Son, Но ly ho Spir - it, ly bow be - fore you. All earth ter claim; on your scep bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar tyrs join the throng, vic - t'ry claim-ing, Now as cend ed to his throne, three we name you: Though in lv one. es sence on All heav'n a bove a - dore you. fi - nite In cho - rus prais - ing With Church in In un - ceas - ing the grace pro-claim-ing, king, O heav'n to Judge and his pens we claim you, di - vid -God Then, a - dor - ing. ed vast do - main, $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{v}$ er last ing is your reign. one ac - cord: Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly Lord! his own. Praise all and thanks to God a - lone! bend the knee And con - fess the mys ter

Text: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, abr., adapt., st. 1-2, 4; Ruth M. Glaeske, b. 1941, st. 3; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, st. 1-2, 4, alt.

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Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH (78 78 77) Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, alt.

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

During the gathering of the offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, you kept your promise and delivered up your own Son to be our Savior. By his sacrificial death, our sins are forgiven, and by his rising again, we have the hope of everlasting life. Keep us in this holy joy throughout the Easter season and all our daily lives, that we may not fear our enemies nor give in to the temptation of despair in our days of trouble. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to your people the apostolic Gospel of your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Bless all law enforcement officers and first responders. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Have mercy on the sick and those in any need [especially _______]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in him. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us joy in your Son's great victory feast as he shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of his true body and the drinking of his precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by his forgiveness and swallow up our death in his life, that we may be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before you, dear Father, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

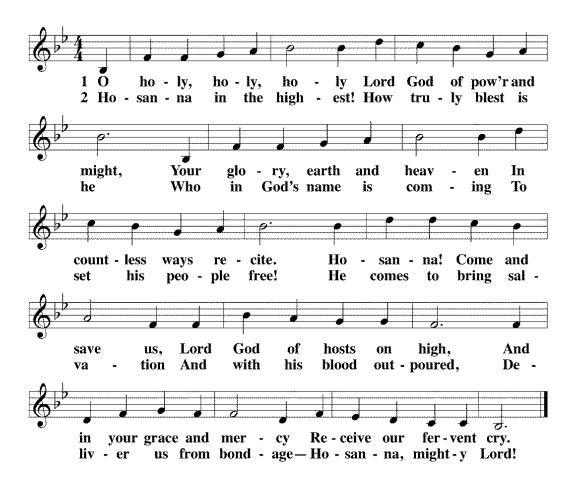
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 150)

Christ the Lord Risen Today; Alleluia!



Text: Latin sequence, 11th century, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR (77 77 with Alleluias) Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 165)

O Sons and Daughters of the King



- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he, "My hands, my feet, my body see; And doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been; In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
 To God your hearts and voices raise
 In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615, alt.

SONG OF SIMEON Luke 2:29-32



M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 341) **Crown Him with Many Crowns** 1 Crown him with man - y The crowns, Lamb his up - on 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and Who 3 Crown him the Lord tri - umphed o'er of life. the heav'n. En - throned in 4 Crown him the Lord of worlds a throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly them drowns All an -Rich wounds, yet side. vis - i ble bove. In a -And vic in strife For grave rose - to - rious the King The bove; Crown him the to whom is giv'n sic but its own. Α wake, my soul. and mu glo beau - ty ri fied. No gel in the an those he came save. His glo - ries we to now won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y sing Of him who died thee, for And hail him sky Can ful - ly sight, bear that But down ward Who sing Who died and rose on high, died e -As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, crowns ye match-less King Through all thy as e - ter - ni - ty. won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies bends his bright. bring And life lives die. ter nal to that death may man - y crowns For he kings, with is King all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.

Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Easter breakfast: We invite you to join us downstairs for breakfast after the 8:00 service. We are serving eggs, sausage and ham. You can make a hot breakfast sandwich and help yourself to the self-serve pancake bar. There is a large assortment of potato dishes, fruit and baked goods. Come join us!

Happy Easter: If you are visiting with us today, welcome! We are glad you have joined as we celebrate our risen Lord. You have an open invitation to join us again in the future. Our regular Sunday worship services are 8:00 & 10:30 am. We offer adult Bible study, teen class and Sunday school between services at 9:15 am.

Sunday March 31: Easter Sunday

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Easter Breakfast downstairs

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Jim Miller, 10:30 Phil Boll
- Ushers 8: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ryan Jaeger, Ben Olson, Dave Olson, Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Easter Breakfast Coordinator: Julie Doyle

Sunday April 7: Second Sunday of Easter Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion Adult Bible Study, Teen Class and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Ryan Jaeger (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: Josh Hodkiewicz and *volunteer*
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Refreshments: Volunteers needed
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton A/V & Recording: TBA

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Kevin Hill (4/3), Rebekah Hodkiewicz (4/6), Jerry Punzel (4/6) and Jessica Schwark (4/6) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).



Looking ahead:

- April 1: Food drive begins for DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **April 14:** Photographer for confirmation class students, 9:15 am sanctuary. *No adult Bible study today*.
- April 14: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am
- **April 15:** Patchwork blankets begin, 12:00 3:00 pm and 6:00 8:00 pm
- April 20: WELS Coulee Women's Retreat, Onalaska, WI, 9:00 4:00 pm (registration begins at 8:00)
- April 20: LWMS Spring Rally, Our Redeemer, Madison. Registration 8:30 am
- April 22: Patchwork blankets, 12 3 pm
- April 28: Quarterly open forum meeting, 9:15 am sanctuary
- **April 29:** Patchwork blankets, 12 3 pm and 6 8 pm.
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12 5 pm, downstairs.
- **July 20:** Sunday School Teacher Conference Wonewoc, WI. More information on the downstairs bulletin board.