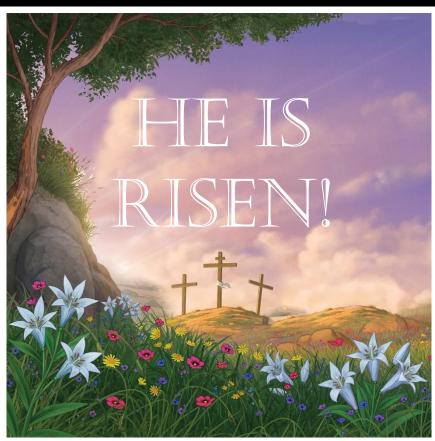


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April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday



### Solo: "Christ is Arisen!"

- P Alleluia, Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed, Alleluia!
- **P** We pray:

Dear Risen, Living Savior, 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 Your 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.

C Amen.

#### Opening Hymn: 465 v. 1-3 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

#### Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- P We celebrate this Resurrection day in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Upon the hill the cross stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the empty tomb!
- Christ is risen, Alleluia!
- P New life is awakened! Our own resurrection is assured! God has given a living hope—an eternal hope—to a dying world!
- Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Amen!

## **Confession and Absolution**

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P O Lord, prepare us for worship as we confess our sins.
- Dear Heavenly Father, we have come together in Your presence, to hear Your Holy Word, and to worship You by celebrating the resurrection of Your Son.

- P O holy and righteous God, You alone can make us clean. Your mercies never end; they are new every morning. You have told us in Your Word, "We were buried with Him [Christ] through baptism into death, 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" (Romans 6:4). With Your command and promise in mind, therefore, we come to You to confess our sins.
- O holy and merciful Father, I am altogether sinful by nature.
  In countless ways I have sinned against You
  and do not deserve to be called Your child.
  But at Your gracious invitation I come to You,
  and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ and His suffering and death, I plead:
  Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P Having heard your confession, I as a called servant of Christ assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen.

#### 465 v. 4 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465 v. 4





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#### The Easter Accounts

(A Compilation of some of the events of Jesus' Resurrection Day from the Four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)

#### Jesus' Resurrection From the Dead

<u>Pastor:</u> Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And now, as the first day of the week began to dawn, while it was still dark, they came to see the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

<u>Congregation</u>: And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

**Pastor:** Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves,

Women: "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

**Pastor:** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, for it was very large.

When Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb, she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

<u>Women</u>: "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

<u>Pastor</u>: The other women entered the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments, one young man clothed in a long white robe, sitting on the right side. And the women were alarmed and afraid and bowed their faces to the earth. And the angel answered and said to the women,

Men: "Do not be afraid or alarmed; for I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. Why do you seek the Living among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen, as He said. Behold, here is the place where they laid Him. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

Pastor: And they remembered His words. And he said to them,

Men: "But go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead; and indeed, He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. Behold, I have told you."

<u>Pastor</u>: So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb with fear and great joy, for they trembled and were amazed; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And they ran to report it to His disciples.

### The Visit of Peter and John

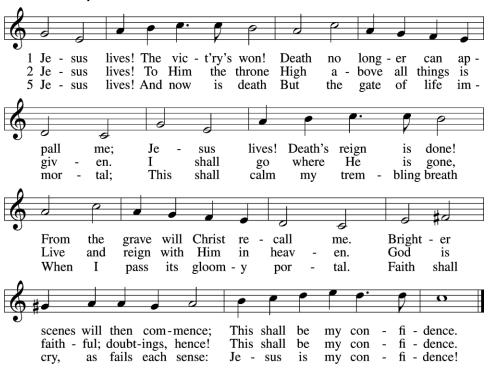
**Pastor:** Peter therefore arose and went out, and the other disciple, and they ran to the tomb. So they both ran together; and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. Stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and the handkerchief, that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

<u>Congregation</u>: Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes, and Peter marveled to himself at what had happened.







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# Jesus' Appearance to Mary Magdalene

<u>Pastor:</u> Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping; and, as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her,

**Congregation:** "Woman, why are you weeping?"

Pastor: She said to them,

<u>Women</u>: "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

**Pastor:** Now when she had said this, she turned around, and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,

**Congregation:** "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

**<u>Pastor:</u>** She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him,

<u>Women</u>: "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

**Pastor:** Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni," which is to say, Teacher. Jesus said to her,

<u>Congregation</u>: "Do not cling to Me; for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God."

<u>Pastor</u>: Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept, that she had seen the Lord, and He had spoken these things to her. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

# Jesus' Appearance to the Other Women

Pastor: And as the other women went to tell the disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying,

Men: "Rejoice."

**Pastor:** So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them,

Men: "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

<u>Pastor</u>: And they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

A Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.

Day of triumph through the skies, See the glorious Savior rise.

You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade. Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.

Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears. Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

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# Jesus' Appearance to the Disciples Behind Closed Doors

<u>Pastor</u>: Now as they said these things, when it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus Himself came and stood in the midst of them, and said to them,

## Congregation: "Peace be with you."

**Pastor:** He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table. But they were terrified and frightened and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said to them,

<u>Congregation</u>: "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

<u>Pastor:</u> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. But while they still did not believe for joy and marveled, He said to them,

## **Congregation: "Have you any food here?"**

**Pastor:** So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb, and He took it and ate in their presence.

And He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. Then He said to them.

Congregation: "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms concerning Me."

<u>Pastor</u>: And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them.

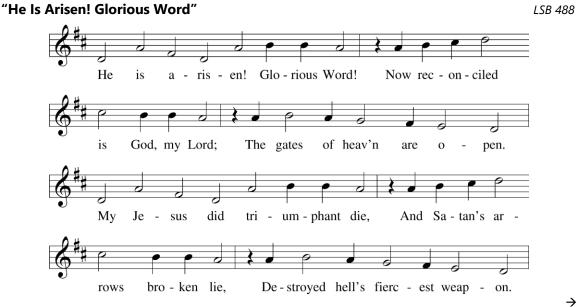
Congregation: "Thus it is written and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things."

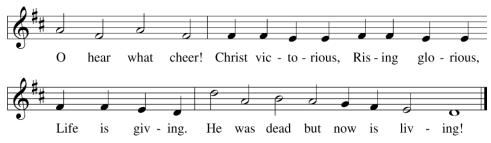
**Pastor:** So Jesus said to them again,

Congregation: "Peace be to you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

**Pastor:** And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them,

Congregation: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."





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**Apostles' Creed** We boldly confess what we believe.

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**<u>Hymn</u>**: "In Christ Alone" (see p. 16-17 in back of bulletin for music and lyrics)

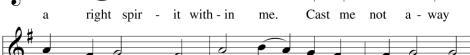
#### Sermon Text: Luke 24:1-12 (NKJV)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup> Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. <sup>5</sup> Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

<sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words. <sup>9</sup> Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

# Sermon Theme: The Hand of the LORD Who is Risen





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Thy and up - hold with free spir it. me A - men.

## **Choir Song: "Hallelujah Chorus"**

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ And He shall reign forever and ever.

King of kings and Lord of lords!

**Offering** We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

#### Easter Sunday Prayer We bring our prayers to God.

- Almighty God, on this day when we celebrate Your great victory over sin and the defeat even of death itself by the power of the resurrection of Christ, with glad hearts we raise joyful shouts of praise acknowledging that, because He lives, we shall live also. You have made known to us the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy, and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us.
- **C** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Save and defend Your whole church throughout the world. Grant wisdom and strength to all pastors who serve Your people with Your Word and Sacraments, and strengthen their faith daily, that Your kingdom continue to increase in all nations.
- C Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and wisdom to all who hold office in our land, all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve according to Your holy and righteous will.
- **C** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Sanctify our homes with Your presence, keeping our children in the promise of their Baptism, and helping parents to bring them up in the true faith. Bless our families that we may show Your praise in our land.
- **C** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

- Lay Your comforting, healing, and consoling hand upon all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant us Your love and tender care.
- **C** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- We remember with thanksgiving all our departed relatives and friends who have loved and served You in faith and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom.
- **C** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, Your gracious and merciful saving hands, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus, Who also taught us to pray:

## **Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Benediction** The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 

→ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 461 I Know that My Redeemer Lives (please stand for the last verse)

v. 1-3 - All; v. 4 - Women; v. 5 - Children; v. 6 - Men; v. 7-8 - All

# Remembrance Lilies

The lilies at the front of the sanctuary have been placed in the sure hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and in loving memory of the following:

Clarence Abrahamson Jane Marita

Edna Abrahamson John S. and Mary Marita

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Marlys Haug Michael Sydow

Lynn Haug Robert and Annette Traub

Larry Haug Deborah Ude

Aini and Edward Laakaniemi Larry Whiting

Richard Laakaniemi Elyn Williams

Ted and Irma Leidholt Horst Wohkittel

Henry and Julia Lisak Ione Zechel

## **Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today 4/20/2

Today: Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day

1/20/25 **Worship – 9am** 

Easter Brunch - 10:15am

This Week: Monday – **No School at MLS** (Easter Break)

<u>Tuesday</u> – Ladies Group – 6:30pm

Wednesday - Wednesday Bible Class - 6:30pm (Zoom & In-Person)

Next Sunday: Worship - 9am

4/27/25 Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:30am

**Quarterly Voters Meeting – 11:15am** 

Church Cleaning: Team #4 (4/19-4/25); Team #5 (4/26-5/2)

<u>Ladies' Group – Tues. @ 6:30pm</u> – Please join us for Ladies Group as we continue our study of a book called *Pew Sisters* (available on Amazon). We will be discussing the third chapter at our meeting this **Tues. April 22**<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 **PM.** Contact Lisa Lisak with questions or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

<u>Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm</u> – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We are studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333</a>

<u>Pastoral "Get to Know Each Other" Visits / Pastor Luke's Contact Info</u> –I am continuing to make "face to face" visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Pastor's Contact Info:

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<u>Annual Elders' Check-in Calls/Visits Have Begun</u> – In addition to the Pastor visits, our Elders have begun their annual check-in calls/visits. One of our Elders will be contacting you in the near future (if they have not already) to see how you are doing and give you spiritual encouragement.

<u>CLC Call News</u> – Principal Brandan Heinze has **returned** his call to Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. <> Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has **returned** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI.

**Spring Work Day – Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9am** – Our Spring workday is scheduled for Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9am. Please make plans to join us!

#### Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

#### CW21 510



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Bible	Readings:
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4/20	Ex. 15:1-11 Psalm 118
	1 Cor. 5:6-8 John 20:1-18
4/21	Ex. 31
	Psalm 103 Mark 6:30-44
4/22	Ex. 32:1-16
	Psalm 104
	Mark 6:45-56
4/23	Ex. 32:17-33:6
	Psalm 105
	Mark 7:1-13
4/24	Ex. 33:7-23
	Psalm 106
	Mark 7:14-30
4/25	Ex. 34:1-28
	Psalm 107
	Mark 7:31-8:10
4/26	Ex. 34:29-35:29
	Psalm 108
	Mark 8:11-21

April Ushers	Cleaning Team 4/26-5/2	
Eric Williams	<u>Team 5</u>	
Alex Saunders	S/E Lisak	
Philip Reim	J/K Rodebaugh	
	J/H Barthels	
<b>April Slideshow</b>	J/S Serba	
Dave Albrecht	L/J Bernthal	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$10,049.50	\$310,832.26
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$351,422.89
Over (Under) Budget:	\$1,478.21	(\$40,590.63)
MSAF:	\$35.00	\$1,035.00

\*Includes 4/1-4/15 E-giving: \$4,827.75 Attendance Last Sun. (4/13): 132 Maundy Thursday: 88 | Good Friday: 139



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