

*I KNOW THAT*



*MY REDEEMER  
LIVES*

*St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church*

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*April 4, 2021 -- 9:00 AM Easter Sunday*

*Christ is Risen!*  
*He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!*

**Easter Greeting**

*P: The Lord is risen!*

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**Opening Hymn**

#152, vss 1-4 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

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!

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

**CHOIR:** *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.*

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.

**Invocation**

*Pastor: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of  
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## Confession of Sins

*P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.*

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear children! May God give you strength to live according to His will.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

**Hymn** #265 “This Is the Feast of Victory” On p. 11

## The Prayer of the Day

*Let us pray.*

*Dear heavenly Father, thank You for the resurrection of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus. Lead us to celebrate His resurrection every day of our lives. In a world that grows increasingly dark, help us hold up the light of His salvation. Give us the courage to speak boldly, and never be ashamed of proclaiming Your Good News, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*





Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;\*  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.\*  
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

for he comes to judge the world in righteousness\*  
and the peoples in his truth.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **REFRAIN**

#### **The Epistle Lesson**     1 Corinthians 15:12-26

<sup>12</sup> If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> 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, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after

he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**The Verse of the Day** Spoken by Pastor Lindke. John 11:25,26

Alleluia! Alleluia! *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Alleluia!*



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**The Gospel Lesson** Mark 16:1-8 *Our meditation text!*

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>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.’”

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**Hymn** #163 “Welcome, Happy Morning” On p. 12

**The Sermon Meditation** Mark 16:1-8

### **EASTER RESCUES US FROM GRAVE DANGER**

- 1) The women experienced danger at the grave
- 2) But the grave contained no reason for danger

**Confession of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He shall 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.

## The Offering

### Easter Prayers & 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.

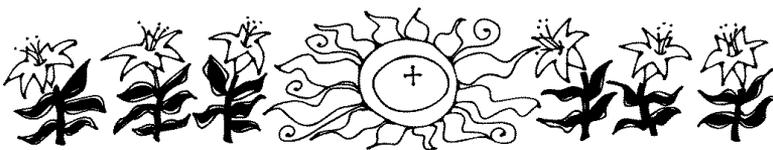
### Hymn #157 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

**CHOIR:** *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!*

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!



**Closing Prayer**    Spoken by Pastor Lindke.

*O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**Benediction**

*P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

*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.*



**Closing Hymn**

#152, vss 5-8    "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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.

**CHOIR:** *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.*

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.

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!"



*All of St. Paul's called-workers, pastor  
(Paul Hirsch), teachers (Aaron  
Markgraf, Linda Mullen, Scott &  
Katie Brown, Heidi Rixe, Shannon  
Spreeman, Sarah Nelson & Lisa  
Lindemann) and their families, pray  
that you all enjoy this glorious day,  
spent in the peace of a risen Savior, and  
in the company of dear friends and  
family!*

**HAPPY EASTER!!!**

## This Is the Feast of Victory

*Dignus est Agnus**Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

*Refrain*

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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1 "Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;  
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,  
 3 He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,  
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"  
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing Hu - man na - ture's fall,  
 Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.  
 All that now is fall - en Raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!  
 Of the Fa - ther's God - head You, the on - ly Son,  
 Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word;  
 Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.  
 Man - kind to de - liv - er Man - hood did put on.  
 This is your third morn - ing— Rise, O bur - ied Lord!  
 As in E - den's gar - den When the world be - gan.

*Refrain*



"Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826–93, alt.

Tune: SEI DU MIR GEGRÜSSET (65 65 D with Refrain) *Enchiridion Geistliche Lede und Psalmen*, Lübeck, 1545.

## **Serving In the Lord's House Today**

**Sunrise Worship Leader:** Pastor Paul Hirsch

**9:00 Worship Leader:** Pastor Al Lindke

**Sunrise Organist:** Mrs. Shannon Spreeman

**9:00 Organist:** Mrs. Diane Herbolsheimer

**Radio Broadcasters:** Damon Weinrich & Walt Tinius

**Video Tech:** Darol Dusseau & Laurie Jackson

**Elder:** Chad Moyer

**Ushers:** Gary Johnson & Don Lau

**Power Point:** Hallie Spreeman & Noah Doescher

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

**Elder:** Gary Bretschneider

**Ushers:** Eric Nunnenkamp & Joe Myers

**Power Point:**

## **Gathering Around the Word**

**Last Week's Service Attendance:**

Sat. 6:30 PM – 55; Sun. 9:00 AM – 115

**Total = 170**

Lent (3/24) - 96

Sunday Bible Class – 26; Sisters in Faith - 10

# Announcements

- 1) **Student Enrollment** is now open for the 2021-2022 school year for both Little Lambs pre-school and K-8<sup>th</sup> Grades! You can access the application by going to our website and clicking on "2021-2022 Enrollment." If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Markgraf or Mrs. Mullen.
- 2) **Women's Bible Group:** The Women's Bible Study has decided to change their name to **Sisters in Faith**. We come together once a week to encourage each other and to build one another up in the faith through open discussion on Scriptures. As fellow sisters in faith, all ladies (members or not!) are welcome to join our weekly get-togethers! Mondays at 6:30 PM in the church narthex!
- 3) **SAVE THE DATE!** The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NELHS Golf Classic will be held Saturday, July 31 at Crooked Creek Golf Club in Lincoln. More details will come when we get a little closer.
- 4) **CHURCH & SCHOOL OUTDOOR HELP** Beautiful sunny days, warm weather, and the Lenten Season all point to spring! It also reminds us of lawn-care and landscaping. Many peoples' first and only impression of St. Paul's may be what they see as they drive by, so it's important to have it look as sharp as possible! Not unlike at home, several things need to happen, trimming hedges, weeding flower-beds, and watering as needed. The Trustees have divided the church/school property into 8 small sections for individuals to claim, take ownership of and care for according to your own schedule. Any possible cost would be covered by church, and you can pick what small section you'd like.

This also brings to mind the need for grass-cutters! Mowing teams are being organized now for the same reason, of keeping things looking good and giving good impressions. Mowers and string-trimmers are available, to mow from Queen City Blvd west up to the cemetery. It takes 2-3 hours for a team of 4-5 to knock that off. Call or text Gary Jackson at (402)750-3238.

- 5) **TAKE 'EM HOME!!** There's a supply of new St. Paul's mugs and pens in the narthex near the SCRIP table which is by the west car-port entrance. It's not intended for this to be a fundraiser, but if you're concerned to at least cover cost, both the mug and pen cost less than \$1. There's a coffee container on the table if you choose to leave something. Take a few!!
- 6) The **Nebraska-Iowa LWMS Circuit is hosting a rally on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at St. John's in Stanton.** Registration opens at 8:30 AM. Encouragement from the speaker, Sarah Stellick, *"From serving overseas for 25 years, I will share about the daily life of a missionary's wife. My husband, Kevin, and I, with our 3 children, experienced many blessings and challenges as we served in Taiwan and China. It is my prayer the ladies will come to be encouraged with God's promises and to encourage one another as we share how we all serve our amazing God, no matter where we live! I am grateful for the amazing support we received from LWMS while we were in Asia. I look forward to giving back and sharing with the LWMS groups."*

Thank you! Joanna Smith & Heidi Rixe, LWMS Spiritual Growth Leaders

- 7) **Parkinson's Support Group** As a way of saying thank you to the members of St Paul's, the Parkinson's Support Group is extending an invitation to the members of St Paul's to attend our April 6, 2021 meeting starting at 10 AM. The topic of this meeting is ***Ways to Protect Yourself from On-Line Predators***, and is geared toward senior citizens. Mr. John Stappert of Power Computing/Precision IT will be our guest speaker and will be discussing the following: A) Protecting Yourself from email attacks (Spam & Phishing), B) Protecting Your Computer from unauthorized access, and C) What to Look for in Anti-Virus, Add Blocking and Fire Wall software. Information will also be shared with regards to important web sites for Seniors.

## SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, 4/4** = Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM  
Easter Worship Service, 9:00 AM

**Monday – Friday** = NO School

**Tuesday, 4/6** = Parkinson's Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Boards Meeting Night, 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, 4/7** = Worship Service on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM  
**NO Bible Class this morning**

**Saturday, 4/10** = Worship Service w/ Communion, 6:30 PM

**Sunday, 4/11** = Worship Service w/ Communion, 9:00 AM

***Remember, since there wasn't Communion last Sunday, Easter, it was postponed for this weekend and next (4/17,18).***

Bible Study, 10:15 AM

Special Communion Service, 6:00 PM

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### **Church Cleaning Teams:**

**Apr. 4 & Apr. 11** – Team 4 (Pat Jamison, Leonard Janovec, John & Jan Schlomer, Debbie Webb, Marlin & JoAnn Winter)

**Apr. 18 & Apr. 25** – Team 5 (Gary & Sue Bretschneider, Joan Ellenberger, Shannon Spreeman, Rick & Diane Ellenberger)

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