



He was
raised on
the third
day in
accordance
with the
Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:4, ESV

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As We Gather

The death and resurrection of Jesus are foundational to our faith and without them, our faith would be in vain. Through the testimony of eyewitnesses and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, we have evidence for the resurrection of Christ. As believers, the resurrection of Christ is the source of our hope and victory, and it is the basis for our own future resurrection and eternal life. May we be reminded of the significance of the resurrection as we gather to worship and give thanks to our Lord and Savior.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

210 – The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Matthew 28:6, 1 Corinthians 15:57

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed, alleluia!

P The tomb is empty, the stone has been rolled away!

C He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.

P Rejoice, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for our Savior has conquered sin and death!

C Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Confession and Absolution

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Easter morning, let us come before our gracious God with humble and contrite hearts, confessing our sins and receiving His mercy and forgiveness.



C Almighty God, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not always lived as Your faithful people, and we have fallen short of Your glory. We are truly sorry for our sins and we ask for Your forgiveness. Through the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have conquered sin and death, and opened the way to new life. Grant us the joy of Your salvation and fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may live in the light of Your love and share Your good news with all people.

P Brothers and sisters, on this day of resurrection, hear the good news of God's love and mercy for you. By the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are made new, cleansed from all unrighteousness, and raised to new life in Christ. Rejoice, for the tomb is empty, and our Savior lives!

C Alleluia! Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

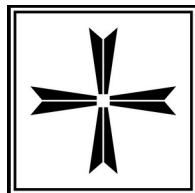
C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.



Hymn of Praise

799 – This Is the Feast of Victory

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 --- Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 5 For the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us
 strength, and hon - or,
 God, and join in the
 might be to God and the
 slain has be - gun His

free to be peo - ple of God.
 bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.
 hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 Lamb for - ev - er A - men.
 reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 2:2-9

² And he said: “I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.

³ For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’ ⁵ The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. ⁶ I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.

⁷ “When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple. ⁸ “Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy. ⁹ But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.”



Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:21-23, 26-28

Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
joice and be glad! This is the day the
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Psalm Tone

*

I will praise You, for You have answered me,*
And have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.*
This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Antiphon

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, and He has given us light;*

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You;*

You are my God, I will exalt You.

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.

Antiphon

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. ¹¹ Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



Sermon

Hold on to Your Easter Hope

I. Because of its Certainty

II. Because of its Power

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with in me.
Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence;
and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion;
and up hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

Hymn

193 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Offering

Offering Hymn

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Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer

The 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

200 – I know that My Redeemer Lives

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✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

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| April 9 | 9:00 am | Easter Brunch |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service |
| April 16 | 9:15 am | Bible Class |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service |
| April 16-27 | | Pastor away for CLC Board of Missions meetings and Philippines trip. |
| April 22 | 9:00 am | Parsonage Work Day |
| April 23 | 8:00 am | Worship Service (Orlando) |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service (Winter Haven) |

Member Visits: Pastor would like to get to know everyone in the congregation, and to that end, would like to visit with each family individually. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up.

Parsonage Work Day: Join us for a Parsonage Workday on Saturday, April 22! Projects include:

- Repairing or replacing the parsonage shed roof,
- Welding the front and rear support post, and
- Removing siding and adding a water barrier membrane around sixteen linear feet of garage.

Your help and participation are greatly appreciated as we work together to maintain and improve the parsonage. Please bring any tools and equipment you may have to assist with these tasks. We hope to see you there!

CLC Call News: Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church has called Mrs. Chris Gerbitz as teacher. Mrs. Gerbitz is a member at Peace Thru Christ. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of the quad parish of the CLC churches in Onalaska, Fairchild, Millston, and Melrose, WI is considering the call from the dual parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA.<> Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI is requesting a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor.<> Grace Lutheran School of Valentine, NE is requesting a graduate from the ILC Education Department to teach middle grades. <> Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA has returned the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI has now called Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN.

| Fruits of Faith – April 2, 2023 – WH – 44 | |
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| Immanuel Home | \$2,345.25 |
| Property Improvement | \$100.00 |
| Missions | \$50.00 |
| ILC Scholarship | \$50.00 |
| Rent | \$600.00 |
| Kinship | \$200.00 |
| Total Offering | \$3,345.25 |

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (4/15): Bernthal **Acolyte (4/16):** Maxwell Kuehne

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠ April 10-15

Monday: Matthew 28:1-10 – As it was at Jesus’ birth, so also on Easter morning little was known of the momentous event that had taken place, but the angels knew! Nor was it through the important rulers that the first news went out, but through the women visiting the tomb, as it had once been through the shepherds visiting the stable. This is the day that the Lord has made (Ps118:24)!

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 – Our resurrection from the dead is closely tied to Christ’s resurrection. If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not resurrected. But because He was raised to life again on the third day, we also shall be raised to life again, our faith and forgiveness confirmed!

Wednesday: Psalm 118:14-24 – As the Lord rescued His people of old, so He has also been our strength in the battle and our song in the victory. It was His strong right hand that won the fight and gives us life (v17), and it is His gate through which we enter to give our thanks to Him (v20). Even the raising of the Cornerstone (v22) is the Lord’s doing, and marvelous in our eyes (v23)!

Thursday: John 20:11-18 – The sight of the empty tomb brought Mary to tears, but the word of the Good Shepherd calling her by name caused her to turn around and rejoice that the tomb was empty! Now she had a joyous proclamation to share with the disciples (and us): “I have seen the Lord!”

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 – The joy that impels us to abound in the work of the Lord does not first come from the response of others, but from the fact that the message is true, validated by Christ’s resurrection. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory over sin, death, and hell! Now our labor in the Lord is not in vain!

Saturday: Psalm 16:8-11 – David leads us to rejoice in the hope of resurrection, that in connection with the promised Messiah we too will not remain in death (v10), but walk the path of life (v11). Rising to be in the presence of the Lord forever truly brings the fullness of joy. Hallelujah!