



For You will not leave my soul
in Sheol, Nor will You allow
Your Holy One to see corruption.

Psalm 16:10



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As We Gather

We desire guarantees. Whether it's a warranty on an appliance or a promise from a loved one, we long for something solid we can count on. Yet life so often reminds us how fragile those promises can be. This Easter morning, we hear the words of Psalm 16—a psalm that points us to a guarantee unlike any other. In the resurrection of Jesus, God gives us a promise that holds: victory over death, joy in His presence, and a future that cannot be shaken. As we gather, may God turn our eyes from the fleeting security of this world to the rock-solid assurance found in our risen Savior.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

199 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:24, Luke 24:5-6, 1 Corinthians 15:20

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C We will rejoice and be glad in it!

P Why do you seek the living among the dead?

C He is not here, but is risen!

P The Lord has conquered sin, death, and the grave!

C In Christ, we have life and salvation! Alleluia!

P Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C Because He lives, we too shall live!

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Almighty God, You have promised joy in Your presence and pleasures at Your right hand forevermore. Yet we confess that we often seek hope and comfort in the things of this world instead of in the victory of Christ. We have doubted Your promises, feared death, and trusted in ourselves. Our hearts have been troubled, our minds anxious, and our steps turned from Your path. Forgive us, Lord, for Jesus' sake. Renew our hearts by the power of His resurrection. Lead us in the path of life, and fill us with the joy of Your salvation.

P The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Because Jesus lives, your sins are forgiven. The God of peace, who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, has sealed His promises with the blood of the Lamb. In Christ, your guilt is taken away, your death is defeated, and your future is secure. You will not be abandoned to the grave, nor will you see corruption. For in Christ, there is fullness of joy and life everlasting. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18

P The LORD is my strength and song,

C And He has become my salvation;

P “Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power;

C Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.

P You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed;

C You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation.

P You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance,

C In the place, O LORD, which You have made For Your own dwelling,

P The sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.

C “The LORD shall reign forever and ever.”

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C and to the Holy Spirit;

P as it was in the beginning,

C is now, and will be forever. Amen.

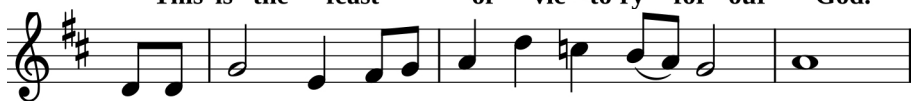
Hymn of Praise

799 – This Is the Feast of Victory



Refrain

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



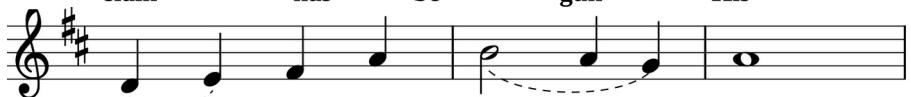
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying. ²⁰ “No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with them. ²⁴ “It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” Says the LORD.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

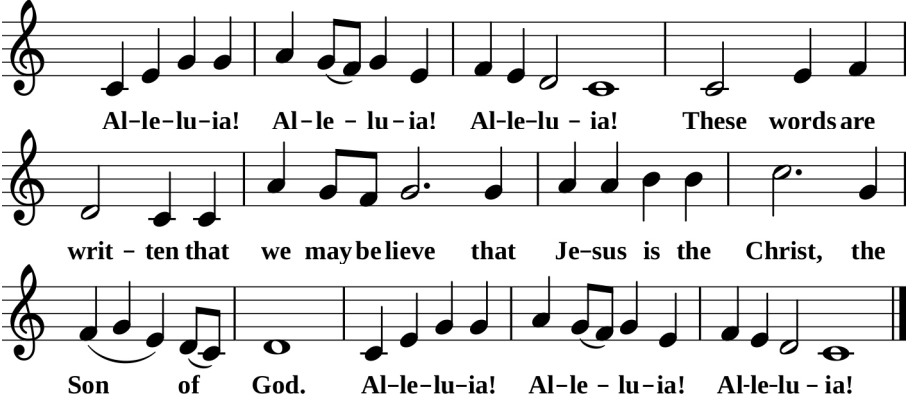
Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

¹ 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. ² But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵ 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?" ⁶ He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' " ⁸ And they remembered His words. ⁹ Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ 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. ¹² 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.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!



Confession of Faith

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 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.

Hymn

193 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Sermon Text

Psalm 16

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. ² O my soul, you have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.” ³ As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.” ⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips. ⁵ O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance. ⁷ I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. ¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Sermon

Easter Guarantees

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. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

Hymn

205 – The Day of Resurrection

Offering

Offering Hymn

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Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with o - pen
heart and hand Bless - es free - ly as a riv - er
That re - fresh - es all the land. Grant us, then, the

grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true
 That our life and all our liv-ing
 We may con-se-crate to You.

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 (1-2, 7-8) – I know that My Redeemer Lives

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

April 20	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:15 am	Worship Service
April 25	10:30 am	Learning with Littles
April 27	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
April 28-30		Pastor in Eau Claire for CLC Mission Board Meetings
May 4	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **May 4** – Education/Elders
- **June 1** – Trustees/Church Council
- **July 6** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Paulette Galstad, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield. May the Lord strengthen their faith, grant them His peace, and assure them of His abiding presence.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Next Sunday, we'll focus on one of the most honest and relatable moments in all of Scripture—when Thomas says he won't believe unless he sees Jesus for himself. But what happens next isn't judgment—it's grace. In John 20:19-31, we'll see how Jesus responds to doubt with peace, and how Thomas's story becomes a testimony of faith. Our worship will center on the comfort that Christ still comes to us today—in His Word and Sacraments—bringing the same peace and life He gave His disciples. Whether your faith feels strong or shaken, this is a message for you. Come and be encouraged by the risen Savior's love.

Learning with Littles: Our next Learning with Littles session will be held on Friday, April 25, from 10:30–11:30 AM. This twice-a-month program welcomes young children and their caregivers from the community for a morning of songs, stories, crafts, and play centered around a fun theme. This session's theme is "Fun with Food." Please continue to keep this program in your prayers as we connect with families in our area and share the love of Christ in a welcoming and engaging environment.

Pastor Away: Pastor Sauers will be in Eau Claire, WI from April 28-30 for CLC Mission Board meetings. While he is away, he will still be available by phone if needed. You can reach him at (920) 602-3242. Please keep the work of the CLC in your prayers, asking the Lord to bless all efforts to proclaim His saving Word both at home and around the world.

CLC Call News: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI.

Fruits of Faith		April 6, 2025	Attendance: WH – 50	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$2,626.00	General Budget	\$200.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
+\$1,126.00	-Under / +Over	+\$132.69	-Under / +Over	
\$19,460.05	Year to Date Offerings	\$655.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$21,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$942.34	Year to Date Need	
-\$1,539.95	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$287.34	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$50.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
\$50.00	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$80.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

April 21 – April 26, 2025

Monday – *Matthew 28:1-10*

Jesus has risen even before the women arrive at the tomb. The angel rolls away the stone to allow them to come and see the empty tomb! As they hurry away, Jesus meets them, risen indeed!

Tuesday – *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

The significance of Christ's resurrection for us is seen in His representing the children of Adam. "As in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive" (v. 22). Death is doomed!

Wednesday – *Job 19:22-27*

Job's friends have not helped him with their accusations, but he looks to his living Redeemer, who will bring him into the presence of God, whom he will see with his very own eyes.

Thursday – *Isaiah 25:1-8*

Isaiah sings of the LORD's triumph over all enemies, even death itself (v. 8)! The result is described as a wondrous banquet on the mountain, when tears will be wiped away from every face.

Friday – *John 20:11-18*

Jesus' body is not in the tomb, but He is not running away. He comes to Mary Magdalene, calls her by name (cf. 10:2-3), and sends her to His brothers with triumphant words of comfort!

Saturday – *1 Corinthians 15:35-49*

Some who object to a resurrection of the dead point to the decrepit bodies we lay in the grave. But that body is like a seed and when it is raised again it will be a glorious, imperishable body!

