

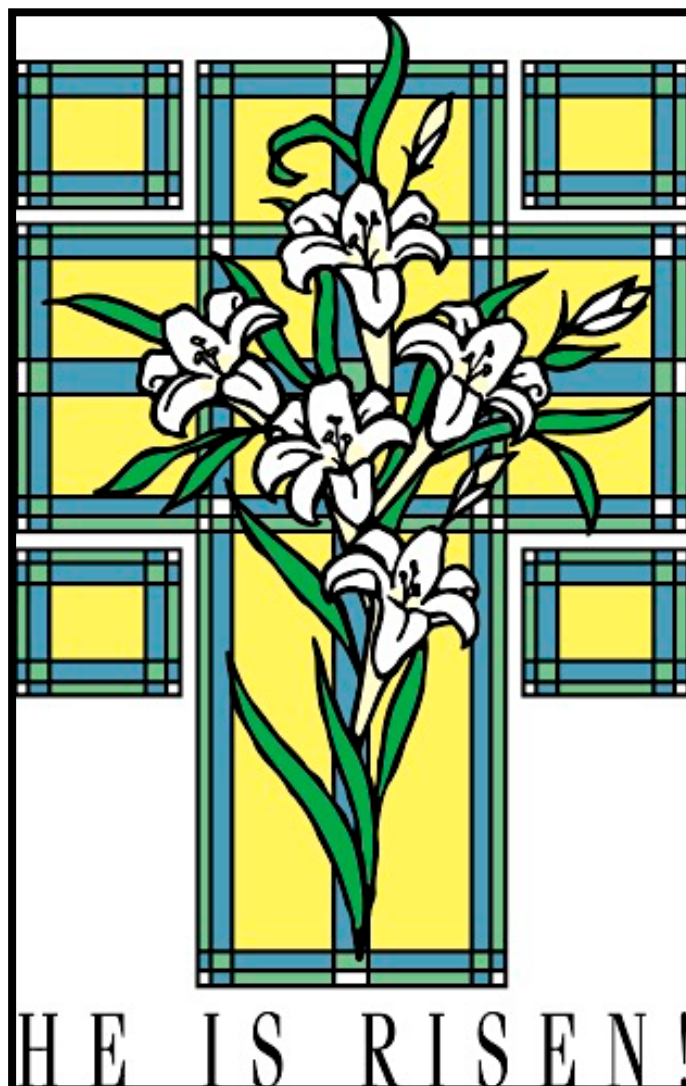
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**The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024**

To Our Worship Guests

A special welcome in Jesus' name! We are glad that you chose to worship with us today. We wish you God's blessings and invite you to leave a record of your visit by signing our guest book. If you don't have a church home in the community and are looking for a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to consider St Paul. If you desire more information about our church, speak with the pastor. He will be happy to assist you.

Liturgical Note

The paraments up front have been changed to white, symbolizing the glory and holiness of the risen Christ and the splendor of Christ's righteousness that God credited to us through faith in Him!



Order of Worship

Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler; Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

Opening Prayer

Hymn 467 (1-3,6-7)

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

P We are gathered together on this most sacred day to worship the God of eternal life: the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

P This is the day that the LORD has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P For the angel said: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

C "He is not here, but has risen!"

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Praise be to God!

Confession of Sins and Words of Absolution

P God, our heavenly Father, wants us to share completely in His life and

love. He created us for Himself to love and serve Him in holiness. But we have sinned and fall short of His glory and holiness every day. He yearns that we be reconciled to Him. Let us therefore approach Him this Easter Day seeking His pardon.

C Holy and merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. In particular this day I confess how I at times stumble in my faith. Some days and in some situations I live and act as though Your Son never arose from the dead. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P God, our heavenly Father, did not spare His own Son but gave Him up into death on the cross to atone for the sins of all people. Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life! Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the risen Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P How good it is to have the Father's assurance of forgiveness and eternal life through Christ! In the peace and happiness this truth brings to our hearts, let us praise the Lord with the next hymn ...

Hymn 463

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 25:6-9

God Will Swallow Up Death Forever

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Children's Song

"Christ Is Risen"

Christ is risen! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Christ is risen, risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Love's work is done; the battle is won. Where now, O death, is Your sting?
He rose again to rule and to reign, Jesus, our conquering King. *(Refrain)*

Lord over sin, Lord over death At his feet Satan must fall!
Ev'ry knee bow; all will confess Jesus is Lord over all! *(Refrain)*

Tell it abroad, "Jesus is Lord!" Shout it and let your praise ring!
Gladly we raise our songs of praise; Worship is our offering. *(Refrain)*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 118

Praise to God for His Everlasting Mercy

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

C For his steadfast love endures forever!

P Let those who fear the LORD say:

C "His steadfast love endures forever."

P Out of my distress I called on the LORD:

C The LORD answered me and set me free.

P It is better to take refuge in the LORD:

C Than to trust in man.

P The LORD is my strength and my song:

C He has become my salvation.

P I shall not die, but I shall live:

C And recount the deeds of the LORD.

P I thank you that you have answered me:

C And have become my salvation.

P The stone that the builders rejected:

C Has become the cornerstone.

P This is the LORD'S doing:

C It is marvelous in our eyes.

P This is the day that the LORD has made:

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

We Will Come Back to Life

19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those

who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hymn 473

Our Paschal Lamb that Sets Us Free

Gospel Lesson – Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection of Christ

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, 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 that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



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 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 478

The Day of Resurrection

Sermon

Text: Matthew 22:41-46

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 44 ““The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? 45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Theme

***Alleluia! Jesus Is Alive and Has Made Our
Enemy, Death, a Stool for His Feet!***

After the sermon rise to sing:

**Thanks to You, O Christ victorious! Thanks to You, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us, You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because You did arise And have opened Paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.**

[*Christian Worship #147*]

Easter Sunday Offering

Altar Prayer

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

P Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn 525 (1,4)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/31)	9:30 am	Worship Service (no SS or Bible Class)
Sun (4/7)	8:30 am	Choir Practice (<i>see note below</i>)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class

Upcoming in April

- Choir Practice: Next Sunday, April 7, 8:30 am. We will rehearse the anthem to be sung with the choirs of Redeemer and Prince of Peace at the Front Range Mission Fest: "*Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand.*"
- Council Meeting: Sunday, April 14, 8:30 am
- Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting: Sunday, April 14, 10:45
- Front Range Mission Fest Service: Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne
- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 27 (8 am to noon)
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 28, 10:45 am

Annual Front Range Mission Festival

- When: Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am
- Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY
- Guest Speaker: Pastor Paul Nolting
- Schedule: Worship Service, 10:30 am; Fellowship Meal: 11:30 am; Mission Presentation by Pastor Nolting (on our mission work in Tanzania): after the meal
- If you need transportation to this event, see Pastor Schuetze



A lay service will also be conducted on April 21 at St. Paul at the customary time, 9:30 am.

A Word of Thanks to all who contributed menu items, and your serving and clean-up skills, for last week's Palm Sunday breakfast. Your labors of love were appreciated!

Our Mary & Martha Ladies' Group continues to financially support a seminary student at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo, Africa. The annual sponsorship cost is \$360. To make a contribution for this worthy cause, place your gift in your offering envelope with "Togo Student" written on the "specify" blank. Or you may use a regular envelope earmarked for "Togo Student" (if you use a regular envelope please write "Togo Student" in the memo space). Thank you!

Pictorial Volunteers: It has been quite a few years since St. Paul has published a pictorial directory with photos of our members. You are invited to consider serving on a committee to spearhead such a project. Please let the pastor know if you are open to consider serving in this way. Thank you.

Synod News & Notes

- **Call News:** Teacher Quinn Sprengeler of Redemption Lutheran School, Lynnwood WA, plans to retire from the teaching ministry at the end of this school year. ◇ Teacher Josh Ohlmann of Holy Trinity, West Columbia SC, accepted the call to teach at Gethsemane Lutheran School in Saginaw MI. ◇ Teacher Noah Ohlmann accepted the call of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine NE, to be lower grades teacher in their school beginning January 2025 after his December 2024 graduation.
- **The CLC Boards** (Missions, Regents, Trustees, Doctrine, Education & Publications) will meet in Eau Claire, WI on April 8 & 9. The Coordinating Council will meet on April 10.
- **West-Central Delegate Conference Dates:** Tues-Thurs, May 21-23 at Valentine, NE.
- **CLC Convention Dates:** Thurs-Sun, June 20-23, at Eau Claire.
- **The CLC Moderator** is soliciting nominations for individuals to serve in various synodical offices that will be expiring at the end of June (elections to be made at the Convention). Nominations can be made at clclutheran.net (there is a link on the clclutheran.org cite to the online nomination ballot). Deadline for making nomination is the end of March. Any voting member of a CLC congregation may submit a nomination.

Daily Bible Readings for Devotions

April 1-6

Mon Matthew 28:1-8 It has already happened: “He has risen ... He has risen from the dead” (v6)! But it needs to be known by Jesus’ followers, the women and the disciples. The guards are terrified by the same angel who speaks with the women.

Tues 1 Peter 1:3-9 Believing the news of the resurrection brings us the sure hope of a heavenly inheritance, love, and inexpressible joy; in other words, we receive the salvation of our souls (v9).

Wed Job 19:22-27 In his great affliction, Job clings to the resurrection hope: that even after his body has been destroyed, he will rise up and with his own body will see God. He knows this because he knows that his Redeemer lives (v25).

Thurs John 20:11-18 Mary Magdalene is back at the tomb and is met by the risen Lord, who calls her by name. Now she is ready to go, like the other women, and tell the disciples the wondrous news: “I have seen the Lord!” (v18)

Fri 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 Everything – our faith, hope, love, and joy; yes, our resurrection – all depend on this, that “in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (v20).

Sat Psalm 118:24-29 As we continue to rejoice in the day of resurrection, we hear again the song that welcomed Him last week into Jerusalem. This time He is welcomed into His kingdom! “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” (v26).