



The Resurrection of Our Lord 2018

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

Zion Lutheran Church
Wausau, Wisconsin

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Easter Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Rosalind and Maureen Rouse in praise and thanksgiving for all of their family members who opened their hearts to Jesus Christ and passed it on through the generations! "Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply."
- Today's bulletins are sponsored by Delores Kottke, in loving memory of her husband, Orlin.
- The beautiful flowers in the chancel are sponsored through the Easter Decorating Fund. The flowering plants will be delivered to Zion's homebound members immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Zion's elders are encouraged to help deliver the flowers and spread our Easter joy! Please come to the chancel at 12:00 noon.

Risen Bodies, Not Floating Aliens

I once heard a Christian speaker claim to be like a space alien. He was an ex-cop. He stood beside the podium and announced, in the no-nonsense manner of his former profession, that the skin inside his polo shirt and jeans was just his earth suit. Someday God would beam up his actual self into heaven where it belonged.

Unfortunately, despite the cute, extraterrestrial graphics on his PowerPoint, that speaker's definition of what it means to be human was wrong. Lutherans believe in the resurrection of the body and rejoice in God's promise to work through physical means like Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

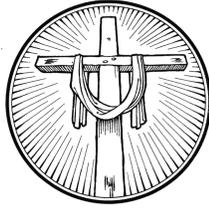
. . . . I'm no space alien. My hope does not lie in escape from physical reality. When my Lord beams me up, it won't be as a skinless soul destined to circle the stratosphere. Quite the opposite. He promises a perfect, incorruptible body and a soul freed from sin. In other words, He promises to restore me to the fullness of my humanity.

~ Anna Mussmann

(*blogger at Sister, Daughter, Mother, Wife, sisterdaughtermotherwife.com*)

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



PRELUDE

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

... Robert A. Hobby

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" green hymnal #151

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

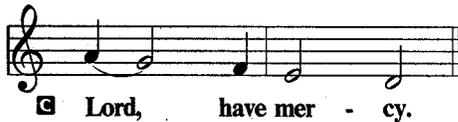
C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

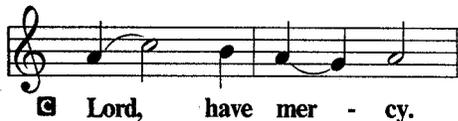
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



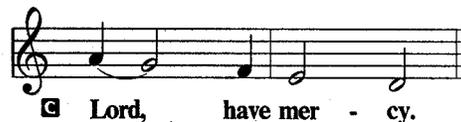
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



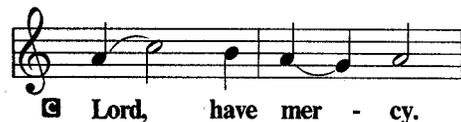
*Farewell to
the fast!
For Christ
our Passover
is slain for us.
Let us feast
on the body of
the Lamb
and grow
drunk on his
blood.
Christ is our
Passover
feast.
~ Ambrosian
Missal*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! ~ earliest known Easter hymn, composed within 100 years of Jesus' resurrection

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



HYMN OF PRAISE

Choir: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and
 hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☒ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son, 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 Lord's 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.

O how glorious and resplendent, Fragile Body, shalt thou be,

when endued with so much beauty, full of health, and strong and free!

Full of vigour, full of pleasure, that shall last eternally!

~ hymn on the risen body by Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471 A.D.

The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits', the 'pioneer of life'. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened.
 ~ C. S. Lewis,
Miracles



Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On 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. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He 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. ⁹It 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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

Choir: Antiphon



Choir: Protect me O God for I take ref'uge in you;*
 I have said to the LORD, |
 "You are my Lord, my good a'bove all other."

C: **All my delight is upon the godly that are 'in the land,*
 upon those who are noble a'mong the people.**

Choir: But those who run after 'other gods*
 shall have their troubles 'multiplied.

C: Their libations of blood I 'will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods up'on my lips.

Congregation: Antiphon



Come, Chris-tians, join to sing, Al- le- lu - ia! A - men.

Choir: O LORD, you are my portion 'and my cup;*
it is you who up'hold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a 'pleasant land;*
indeed I have a 'goodly heritage.

Choir: I will bless the LORD who 'gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me night 'after night.

C: I have set the LORD al'ways before me;*
because he is at my right hand I 'shall not fall.

Congregation: Antiphon



Come, Chris-tians, join to sing, Al- le- lu - ia! A - men.

Choir: My heart therefore is glad, and my spir'it rejoices;*
my body also shall 'rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me 'to the grave,*
nor let your holy one 'see the pit.

Choir: You will show me the 'path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy, |
and in your right hand are pleasures for'evermore.

All: Glory 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

*This is the day
the Lord has
made. Let us
rejoice and be
glad in it!
~ Psalm
118:24*

The risen Lord Jesus appears to His disciples in Luke:

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a ghost. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have" . . .

Congregation: Antiphon



EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and turn toward the Holy Scriptures as they are carried into the midst of the congregation.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Refrain: Congregation





Choir: Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again,
Death no longer has dominion over Him, over Him.

Congregation: Refrain

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

ALLELUIA VERSE

Refrain: Congregation



... And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

~ Luke 24:36-43

A virgin, a tree and a death were the symbols of our defeat. The virgin was Eve: she had not yet known man; the tree was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; the death was Adam's penalty. But behold again a Virgin and a tree and a death, those symbols of defeat, become the symbols of his victory. For in place of Eve there is Mary; in place of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the tree of the cross; in place of the death of Adam, the death of Christ.
~ John Chrysostom, 300s A.D.

Choir: This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it, in it.

Congregation: Refrain (*see previous page*)

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for ✠ the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

There will be no Sunday school classes today. Classes resume next Sunday, April 8.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.
..

All High Voices: 5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree –
So strong His love – to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o’er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

Choir: 6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

All: 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

SERMON

“News-Casting”

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.

VOLUNTARY

"Scatter the Darkness"

... John A. Behnke

Please stand.

OFFERTORY "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus rose tri - um - phant - ly, and Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

... When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ~ 1 Corinthians 15:51-55

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Living God,

C: **in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our**

“Eight days a week I love you.” So sang the Beatles – and did they know, perhaps, that the Church had sung it for almost 2000 years before them? Since the beginning, since the earliest days of the Church, Sunday has been more than the “first day” of the week: it has been called the Eighth Day, the Day Beyond Days, the Day on which the Resurrection came to you in Jesus. Eight Days a week, God loves you, you see – He loves you right into a new Day.
 ~ C. Kenneth Meadow, 2000s A.D.

Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

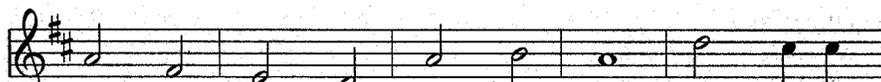
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy”)



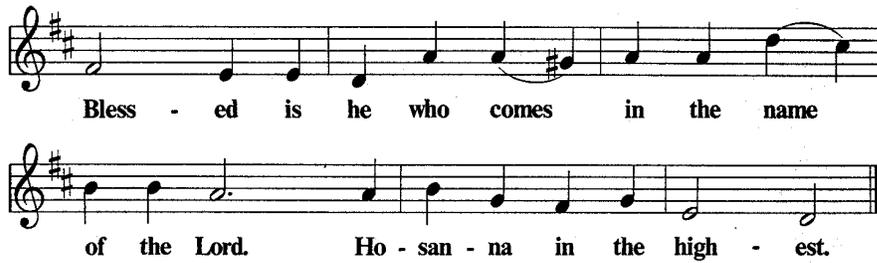
☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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**

ACCLAMATION

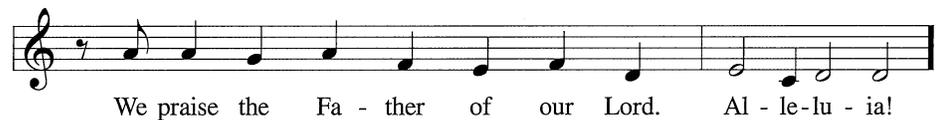
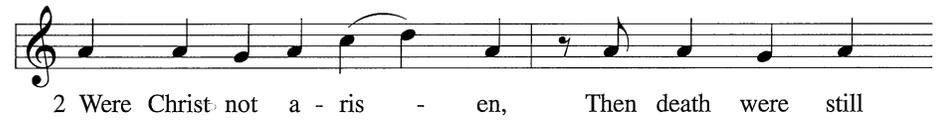
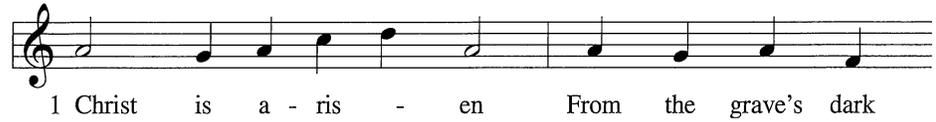
P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: **Alleluia!**

*In the same way, after God has revealed himself in the man Christ, we rightly believe and say that those who do not take hold of this man born of Mary cannot take hold of God simply. Even though they say they believe in God the creator of heaven and earth, they nevertheless in reality believe in an idol of their own hearts, since outside Christ there is no true God.
~ Martin Luther, First Lectures on the Psalms, 1513-1515 A.D.*

“What a man desires is un-failing love” (Proverbs 19:22a). So here you go: the un-failing love that man desires, right there on the altar, in your hands, coming right up to your mouth.

SEQUENCE HYMN “Christ Is Arisen”



Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot come forward, you may ask an usher to have Communion brought to you. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“In Thee is Gladness” (sung by the choir) Michael D. Costello

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” green hymnal #130

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” green hymnal #144

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Jesus lives, and by His words and Spirit He puts His death and His life into you. You are baptized. “Your life is hid with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3). Go, tell, live that. There is angel’s work to do. Jesus has done it, crucified and risen, but some don’t know it yet, and some don’t live it yet. ~ Pr. Norman Nagel, 1900s A.D.

**A Prayer
as You Go**

Lord God Almighty, every year you renew the face of the earth, and it is your will to renew the world fallen into sin and death. Grant that we may discern in your Son the dawning of the true life and in him share in this new creation; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” green hymnal #143

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

... Charles Marie Widor

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

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(11:00) Paul Henning

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolytes: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen; Michael Cornell; Grace Stimac
(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Craig Zastrow

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

Ushers: (9:00) Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;
Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Ted Gulhaugen; Grace Mueller; Joe Pinzl;
Vicky Radunz; Steve Zeinemann

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Dave Gisselman;
Donna Nuernberg; Joe Pinzl

Altar Guild: Donna Nuernberg

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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