



*The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord  
April 16, 2017*

*The Crown Jewel  
of Christianity*

“If Christ has not been raised,” St. Paul wrote, “your faith is futile.” But Paul continued: “Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.” The living Jesus means everything to us. He is the source of every blessing in this life and in the life to come. He is risen. He is risen indeed!

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**THE OPENING HYMN**

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY**  
Christian Worship #157



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

*Hymn continues on next page*



Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

*Please stand*

**AN EASTER DIALOGUE**

**P:** Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed!

**P:** Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed. Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P:** If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

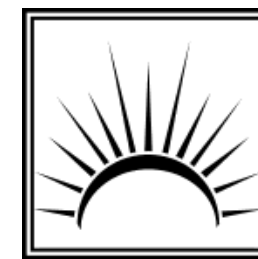
**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**P:** For God, who created light to shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**P:** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**



P: If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

P: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS  
Christian Worship #341, verses 1 & 3

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
3. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the

throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For

mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we

sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -

as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

*Please be seated*

ANTHEM

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!  
St. Paul's Junior Choir

*Christ is risen! Alleluia! Now we sing a joyful song.  
Jesus reigns in highest heaven, sing this song the whole day long.  
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

*Christ is risen! Alleluia! Now we sing a joyful song.  
Jesus reigns in highest heaven, sing this song the whole day long.  
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Hear our voices as we sing:  
Chris is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia to our King.  
Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

*Now we sing a joyful song. Jesus reigns in highest heaven,  
Sing this song the whole day long. Alleluia!*

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

JONAH 2:1-9

<sup>2:1</sup> From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.

<sup>2</sup> He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord,  
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the depths,  
into the very heart of the seas,  
and the currents swirled about me;  
all your waves and breakers swept over me.

<sup>4</sup> I said, 'I have been banished  
from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'

<sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me,  
the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down;  
the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But you, Lord my God,  
brought my life up from the pit.



<sup>7</sup> “When my life was ebbing away,  
 I remembered you, Lord,  
 and my prayer rose to you,  
 to your holy temple.  
<sup>8</sup> “Those who cling to worthless idols  
 turn away from God’s love for them.  
<sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise,  
 will sacrifice to you.  
 What I have vowed I will make good.  
 I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

**ANTHEM**

**CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA**

St. Paul’s Adult Choir/Faculty/Students

*Christ has arisen, alleluia! Rejoice and praise Him!  
 Alleluia!  
 For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from  
 death, dispelling its gloom.  
 Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.  
 Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
 Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
 Jesus is living, alleluia!  
 For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.  
 He who gives life did death undergo. And in its conquest His might did show.  
 Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.  
 Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
 Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!  
 The angel said to them, “Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.  
 See for yourselves the tomb is all bare, only the grave cloths are lying there.”  
 Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.  
 Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
 Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!  
 “Go spread the news; He’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.  
 Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.*



*Even the battle with sin is won.”  
 Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.  
 Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
 Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!  
 Christ is alive! Sing and rejoice! Alleluia!*

**THE SECOND LESSON**

**COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

<sup>3:1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



**ANTHEM**

**HE’S ALIVE! HE’S ALIVE!**

St. Paul’s Students

*That first Easter Day, as the sky changed from black to gray,  
 Who scared the Roman soldiers away early Easter Day?  
 As gray turned to red, and the sun raised its sleepy head,  
 Who lifted Jesus from the dead early Easter Day?  
 It’s the Father come back for the Son,  
 For the battle with death is won.  
 And you’ll know the victory too, now that Jesus has risen for you!  
 He’s alive! He’s alive! And the angels say that Jesus Christ has risen today!  
 He’s alive! He’s alive! Join the alleluia... someday you’ll rise too!  
 He’s alive! He’s alive! And the angels say that Jesus Christ has risen today!  
 He’s alive! He’s alive! Join the alleluia... someday you’ll arise too!  
 That Easter of old, as the sun changed from red to gold,  
 Who had the pow’r that death couldn’t hold and rolled the stone away?  
 As gold turned to white, who outshone all of heaven’s light?  
 The Son of God, in glory and might, raised that Easter Day.  
 It’s the Father back for the Son, for the battle with death is won.*

And you'll know the victory too, now that Jesus has risen for you!  
 He's alive! He's alive! And the angels say that Jesus Christ has risen today!  
 He's alive! He's alive! Join the alleluia... someday you'll rise too!  
 He's alive! He's alive! And the angels say that Jesus Christ has risen today!  
 He's live! He's alive! Join the alleluia... someday you'll rise too!

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 28:1-10

28:1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



Please be seated

CONGREGATION HYMN

IN CHRIST, ALONE

Christian Worship Supplement #752

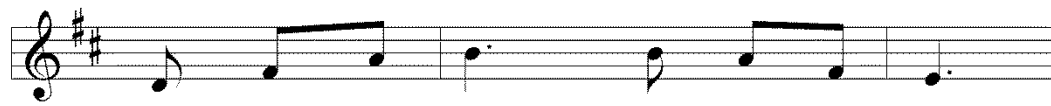
1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

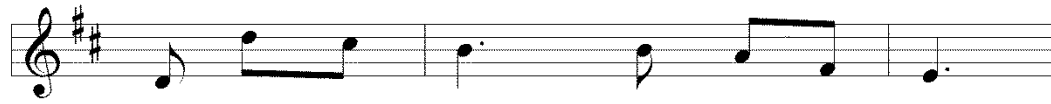
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

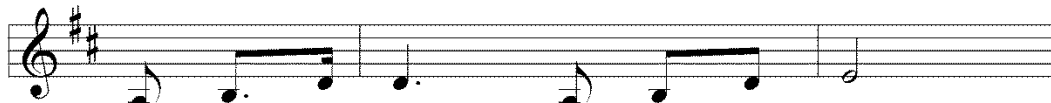
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What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



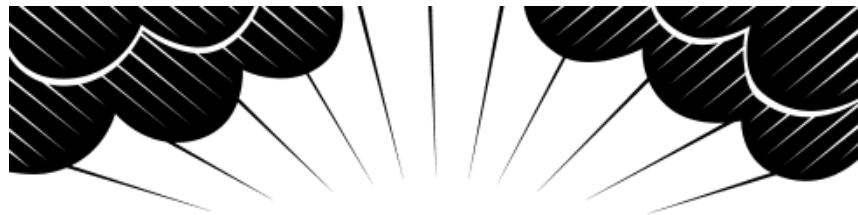
When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
 For I am his and he is mine—  
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



**Sermon**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

**The Crown Jewel of Christianity**

<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 first fruits 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 first fruits; 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.



**CONGREGATION RESPONSE**

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**  
 Christian Worship #369 vs. 1



I Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,



Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

**THE OFFERING**

*Please stand*

## THE PRAYERS

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in Your glorious triumph.**

**P:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of His power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before Your throne and singing the song of victory:

**C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**P:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that You have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.**

**P:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life. Gracious Father, You have restored to us the joy of Your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before You and say:

**C:** **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

### THE BLESSING

**P:** **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.**

**C:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

*Please be seated*

## CONGREGATION HYMN

## I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

Christian Worship #152



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 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!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School and Adult Bible Study today or next Sunday (April 23<sup>rd</sup>). We will resume on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NO WORSHIP:** There will be no Monday evening worship service tomorrow, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**NO MEN'S OPEN GYM:** There will be NO Men's Open Gym until approximately the second week in June as the gym is beginning to be set up for the school plays. Watch for an announcement when it starts back up.

**ALTAR GUILD:** The Altar Guild is looking for additional members. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Koplein at (414) 541-6404.

**BIBLE STUDY – Clean Out Those Itching Ears: Christian Apologetic Witnessing:** As Christians it is our duty to share Jesus. In our world today, sharing Jesus often means responding to sometimes aggressive unbelievers and skeptics in a loving yet intelligent way. This class aims to equip you to tackle some very explosive issues head on and examine how you can defend Biblical teaching in a logical way, but also turn the focus onto what matters most – Jesus. This bible study will include topics such as sex and marriage, abortion, and evolution.

**“THE STORY” BIBLE CLASS:** Our next bible class will be Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: “The Birth of the King”.

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LUTHERAN CHORALE OF MILWAUKEE:** The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee under the direction of Mary Prange will present its spring concert entitled *The Tomb Stands Open Wide* on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM at St. Lucas, Milwaukee (2605 S. Kinnickinnic) and 6:00 PM at Christ, Pewaukee (W240 N3103 Pewaukee Road). The organ prelude

presented by Lynn Kozlowski will begin twenty minutes prior to the concert. There will be a freewill offering.

**SEMINARY SCURRY 2017:** Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 5K Family Run-Walk & 1/2 mile Kids Dash, Check-in @ 9am -Races Start @10am. All participants must register - Free for Grades K-12 -\$20 for Adults. T-Shirt & Lunch is included for all participants - All are invited to a free lunch, bounce house and face painting after the race. Register at [www.wls.wels.net/seminary-scurry-2017/](http://www.wls.wels.net/seminary-scurry-2017/) Event information on seminary website - contact Paul Spaude - [paul.spaude@wls.wels.net](mailto:paul.spaude@wls.wels.net).

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**WLHS HALL OF FAME:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is pleased to announce its 2017 Hall of Fame inductees: Mr. Ned Goede, Mr. Terry Treuden, Mr. Rudy Kalis, Mr. Greg Mahlberg, Mrs. Karen Sitz, the 1996-97 Girls Volleyball Team, Mr. Clary and Mrs. Pat Hartwig, and Mrs. Nancy Raabe. The high school awards this prestigious honor once every three years. Show your support to our new inductees by attending the Hall of Fame banquet on Saturday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m., held at the Milwaukee Downtown Marriott. Register by Monday, April 24, at [www.wlhs.org/hof](http://www.wlhs.org/hof). Cost is \$40 per person.

## VOLUNTEERS

### GREETERS THIS WEEK (Easter Sunday)

**6:00 AM** – Don & Marge Gebert

**8:30 AM** – Bob & Karen Hille

### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (April 23 & 24)

**8:00 AM** – Jean Villwock

**10:30 AM** – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam

**6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

### USHERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY (April 16)

**6:00 AM** – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess

**8:30 AM** – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Peter Eppen, Ian Eppen

**USHERS FOR APRIL**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser  
**10:30 AM** – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman, Pete Eppen  
**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

**ALTAR GUILD**

April 12-18 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Connie Myer  
April 19-25 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Connie Myer

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

April 16 – None (Easter)  
April 23: Set-up – Jon & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Marge Gebert

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 16**

Easter Sunrise Service ..... 6:00 AM  
Easter Breakfast ..... 7:00 AM  
Easter Festival Service..... 8:30 AM

**Monday, April 17**

NO Worship Service

**Tuesday, April 18**

NO Public School Confirmation Class  
Mary Martha ..... 6:30 PM

**Thursday, April 20**

Preschool Power Hour ..... 10:45 AM

**Friday, April 21**

Wedding Rehearsal ..... 5:30 PM

**Saturday, April 22**

Potter/Loveless Wedding..... 1:30 PM

**Sunday, April 23**

Worship Service with Communion ..... 8:00 AM  
NO Adult Bible Study/Sunday School  
Worship Service with Communion ..... 10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 172, 10:30 AM – 235, 6:30 PM – 32

Total Attendance – 439

Midweek Lent 3:30 PM – 67, 6:30 PM – 60

Sunday Bible Class – 30, Sunday School – 10

Saturday Bible Class – 12