

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



LIFE MARCHES VICTORIOUS
OVER DEATH
Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

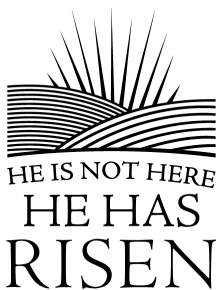


Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



To the world he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering for our favorite athlete! Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever.

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Easter Sunday

Welcome

Hymn

438 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Stand

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

Amen.



Resurrection Dialogue

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Exodus 15:1-2

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Psalm 118:17
Liturgical statement

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.

The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Exodus 15:6-7
1 Corinthians 15:54

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55,57

I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

Job 19:25

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength

and honor and glory and praise!

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Revelation 5:12
Revelation 7:10

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song of Praise

460 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven sts. 1,2



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;



he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
once he died, and once was bur-ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, whom we wor-ship and a - dore.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

The Lord has torn up the shroud of death and promised us an eternal feast.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. ⁸He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. ⁹On that day it will be said, “Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!” (EHV[®])

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

451 *See, What a Morning*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV[®])



The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

454 *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

Stand

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

The account of Christ's Easter victory.

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. **2** They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. **3** When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. **5** The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground.

The men said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee **7** that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?" **8** Then they remembered his words.

9 When they returned from the tomb, they 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** Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. **12** But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened. (EHV®)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



The Lord is Risen!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Verses 1 and 2 - All; 3 - Men; 4 - Women; 5 - Men; 6 - Women; 7 and 8 - All

Sermon

Easter Changes Us

Stand

Nicene Creed

CW 162

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.



Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts, and implant it in our minds.

Through the good news of your resurrection, renew our hope and revive our faith.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do.

Help us cherish this precious gift of grace.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of your resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts.

Open our lips to speak the truth of your resurrection with confidence.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise that you will raise them, just as you have risen from the grave.

According to your promises, give them hope and peace.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and the feast of your sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in glory.
Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



Musical Offering

QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINATION

- † Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
- † Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?
- † Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?
- † Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?
- † Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?
- † If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.

For further examination questions, see page 295 of the blue hymnal.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, Christ declared death's reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete. We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son. We marvel at the depth of your love. We stand in awe of your power.

O Lamb of God

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.

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Distribution Hymn

445 He's Risen, He's Risen

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn

471 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



News & Announcements



Our Regular Sunday Schedule

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Family Bible Hour ~ 9:15-10:15 AM

(Sunday School & Bible Study)

The Giver of Bling?

April 24 | 9:15 AM

Does God promise believers special physical and material blessing? If I have enough faith, if I pray hard enough and believe enough, won't God reward me? We will explore what the Bible says about these ideas at our next Sunday Bible Study on April 24. All adults and teens are invited. (Note: Sunday School is available for children in grade 3K-6.) The study meets in the cafeteria from 9:15-10:15 AM.

Monday Night Services Return

April 25 | 6:30 PM

Beginning April 25, we will again have worship services on Monday nights. These services are repeats for the Sunday service and are intended for those who were unable to attend on Sunday for whatever reason. So if you had to work, were out of town, or weren't feeling well, please take advantage of our 6:30 pm service on Mondays.

Cans for Ukraine

Our sister congregation, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School is collecting aluminum cans to help the WELS Christian Aid & Relief fund for the churches in Ukraine. Bags of aluminum cans can be placed in the trailer in their parking lot at 10611 Highway 13 South. The collection runs through the end of May.

To give a financial gift to this effort to support relief efforts in Ukraine, visit www.wels.net/give-ukraine. Please keep the Ukrainian people in your prayers.

Voters Meeting on Tuesday

April 19 | 6:30 PM

Our quarterly voters' meeting will be held this Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. In addition to the usual business, we will vote on the 2022-2023 ministry plan. If you haven't already, please pick up and review the packet of reports in your mailslot. Detailed financial numbers can be found on the Ministry Table.

Handbell Festival Concert at NLHS

April 24 | 2:00 PM



Next weekend, St. Peter Lutheran Church is hosting a regional Handbell Festival at Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) in Kronenwetter. Handbell choirs from area churches (one from North Dakota!) will practice and learn all day Saturday, and then present a concert on Sunday. Everyone is invited to the concert at NLHS at 2:00 on April 24. If you enjoy our small handbell choir, you will love the sounds for dozens of choirs playing together!

Ready to Run!

April 30

The snow is gone, the weather's warming, and we are ready to run! Join Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) on Saturday, April 30, for their annual 5K Run/Walk. Registration for adults (12 and up) is \$25, for children, \$20. Go to nlhs.org, to register today. Could you serve as a race sponsor? Let NLHS know at 715-359-3400.

Luther Preparatory Gala: "Lives PREPared"

April 23

Luther Preparatory School has a single mission: to prepare and encourage young people to be pastors and teachers in the WELS. About half of their students become pastors and teachers in the public ministry while half serve God in other vocations. Prep is grateful for all of its students! They invite you to join them via livestream for the Luther Prep Gala to learn more about Luther Prep and enjoy the night with them! Find details on their website: <https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsgala>.

Give Student Access to Christian Education

Transportation can be a barrier for families deciding whether to send their children to Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter. Until recently, we have been able to provide bus transportation. Currently, parents, grandparents, and other volunteers are transporting children from Wisconsin Rapids to school each day. NLHS is seeking a paid bus driver. Can you serve our high school in this way and our families? Contact Principal Ryan Weichmann at 715-297-4427.

Walk for Life

May 14 | 9:00 AM

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center is hold a 6K Run/walk around Lake Wazeecha. Funds raised will be used for their Hands-on Parenting Education (HOPE) program which provides tools and education on becoming and effective parent to local individuals and couples. If you register by April 29 with at least \$50 in pledges, you will receive a t-shirt. Learn more at www.firstchoiceprc.org/walkforlife.



Put You Construction or DIY Skills to Work

Kingdom Workers is currently seeking volunteers for several construction projects in Wisconsin and Michigan. Spend a few days or a few weeks, helping to build or remodel facilities for various ministries. For more information, visit kingdomworkers.com.

Organ Delays

We just got word that the work on our organ is not progressing as quickly as we had hoped. The organ will not be installed in time to have an organ recital on May 1.

Scrip & Thrivent Support Ministry

In March, St. Paul's Scrip Program generated \$1581.27 in tuition and donations for our school. Also in March Thrivent Financial members directed \$721.00 from the Thrivent Choice program to ministries at St. Paul's. Thank to everyone who participates in these programs. Want to learn how to use scrip for your normal purchases? Visit www.stpaulswr.org/scrip.

Special Prayers This Week:

- Pam & Chris Williams' were blessed with a granddaughter.
- Greg Machtan's mom had stents put in.
- Rechelle Cottrill's mother a health crisis.
- Jeanie Beer's father passed away on Monday
- For Mrs. Trudy Tietz who was called to serve as our 1st & 2nd grade teacher
- Peace in Ukraine & comfort to all affected by war
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Have a Prayer Request?

You can note it on the back of your Connect Card, look for the link on our website, or simply call or email our church office (715-421-3634 or churchoffice@stpaulswr.org).



He has swallowed up death forever!

Sunday

7:00 AM Easter Worship
 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
 9:30 AM Easter Worship

Tuesday

6:45 AM Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 9:45 AM Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
 2:00 PM Willing Workers in the cafeteria
6:30 PM Voter's Meeting

Wednesday

8:55 AM School Chapel Service
 6:30 PM Bible Book Group in the Resource Center

Thursday

7:00 AM Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 1:00 PM Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom

Sunday

8:00 AM Worship
 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 9:15 AM Catechism Class in the West Wing
 9:15 AM Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
 10:30 AM Worship
 2:00 PM Coed Volleyball in the gym
 2:00 pm Handbell Festival Concert at NLHS

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 241

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 619,100

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 607,231

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 115,704

Mortgage balance: \$ 1,147,597

Upcoming Events

April 19 ~ Voters' Meeting

April 24 ~ Handbell Festival at NLHS

April 27-29 ~ Pastors' Retreat

April 30 ~ NLHS 5K Run/Walk



Alleluia!
He is alive!



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