

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



BECAUSE HE LIVES  
DEATH HAS LOST ITS STING

April 20, 2025



## 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 Service



Death *can* sting in many ways. First, death *can* sting by casting a shadow over every moment of life. No matter what earthly joy you are experiencing, death guarantees it won't last. Second, death *can* sting by separating loves. There are no phone calls or hugs from the dead. Third, death *can* sting by instilling fear of what follows. Deep down, every human being senses that after death there is some sort of reckoning. . . a judgement. Yes, death *can* sting in many ways.

Note that word *can*. Because he lives, death has lost its sting for those who put their faith in the living Lord. Because Christ lives, we have all the proof we need that God accepted Jesus' death as the complete and final payment for all our sin. Those who are in Christ need no judgment. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. More, Christ's resurrection is the assurance that our Christian loved ones are not lost. We will see them again in the resurrection. For Christ's resurrection means we will rise to a world of incomprehensible and unending joy.

Death remains unnatural. But Christ has defeated death. So, while death may still cause tears, death does not cause dread. Because he lives, death has lost its sting.

## Those Serving in Worship

Pastor Peter Plagenz; Accompanist Kristi Perry; Church Choir; Contemporary Choir

## Acknowledgements

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# The Festival of the Resurrection

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## Welcome

## Hymn

438 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

**Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

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

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

**This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.**

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him will live, even though they die.

**And those who live by believing in him will never die.**

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

**I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.**

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.**

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

**He is not here; he has risen!**



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

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Congregation sings:**

938 *This Is the Feast*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Verses*



1    Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,       whose  
2    Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength,       and  
5    For       the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free \_\_\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God.       *Refrain*  
hon - or, \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.       *Refrain*  
gun his \_\_\_\_\_ reign. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!       *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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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 taken away our disgrace, torn up the shroud of death, and promised us an eternal feast of joy.*

<sup>6</sup>On 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.

<sup>7</sup>On this mountain  
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,  
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He 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.

<sup>9</sup>On 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.**

# Anthem

Rise Up, Easter Morning

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

*Christ is risen, so death has lost its sting.*

<sup>51</sup>Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup>Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (EHV®)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

*Refrain*



*Tone*



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Stand

## Gospel

Luke 24:1–12

*The account of Christ's Easter victory.*

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup>When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup>When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>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*

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

440 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

### Sermon

*Stand*

#### 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.**

*Be seated*



## **Special Prayers This Week**

† For Kurt & Tina Callaway, who we called to serve as teachers in our school

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*An Easter  
Prayer*



## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

**When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

**Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

**Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

**Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.**

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

**Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**

*Special prayers and intercession*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Connect Card and Offering**

*Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card. After a few moments, the ushers will come forward to collect the offering. You may place your Connect Card and any offering you brought in the plate as it is passed. Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. 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.*



## **Anthem**

*Because He Lives, Amen*

### **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.*

# The Sacrament



Stand

## Exhortation

Our Lord Jesus has given us a Holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper, we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. Let us celebrate and receive this Sacrament in Christ's name and according to his command.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

1027 Sanctus (Brit) - LANCASHIRE

Tune: LANCASHIRE



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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## 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  $\text{T}$  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  $\tau$  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.**

## Lamb of God

1030 Agnus (Brit) - ROCKINGHAM OLD

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD



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

*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.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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  $\text{T}$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn**

*441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. PAUL'S, WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us on this special day. If you would like to learn more about what we teach and believe about the Bible, you can 1) mark the blue Connect Card accordingly; 2) get in touch with the pastor, whose contact information is on the back cover of this folder; or 3) stop and chat with the pastor after worship today. We would love to help you learn more about Jesus and what he has done for you to forgive your sins and take away the sting of death!

# Take Home Questions

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## Isaiah 25:6-9

1. God's people waited for their Savior to arrive (v. 9), and God did not disappoint them. What encouragement does that give us in light of the promises these verses contain?
2. What other sections of Scripture come to mind as you read these verses? How do they enhance these verses in Isaiah?

## 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

3. What can we know about the glorified body that awaits us after the resurrection? What can we not know about it?
4. Paul proclaims that God gives us victory over death, sin, and the law through Jesus. How did Jesus remove the threat of the law and the guilt of sin?
5. What impact does Jesus' victory over death have on your life now? What impact does Jesus' victory over death have on the death of your Christian loved ones?

## Luke 24:1-12

6. How did the women respond to what they found at the tomb? How did the disciples respond to the women's report? How is such a response seen in our world today?
7. How did the angels comfort the women who came to the tomb? How did the angels gently rebuke them?



# News & Announcements

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## Teachers Called

On Tuesday, we called Kurt & Tina Callaway to serve as teachers in our Lutheran grade school. Kurt currently serves at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Algoma, while Tina serves at St. John's Lutheran School in Two Rivers. Please keep the Callaways in your prayers as they deliberate the calls before them.

## He Chose the Nails

*April 22 | 9:45-11:00 am*

There were no accidents on the days surrounding Jesus' death. Jesus' last moments were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. This Tuesday, the Women Walking in the Word Bible Study is starting a study based on the book "He Chose the Nails." Learn just how much God loves and cares for you. The study meets at 9:45 to 11:00 am in the Resource Center.

## Get Fired Up About Missions

*April 26 & 27*

St. Paul's is the host site for a regional mission rally next Saturday, April 26. It features Mr. Greg Shibelhut from WELS Europe Team, who will share updates on the work that God is doing in the European mission field. Registration begins at 8:30 am with the rally getting underway at 9:00 am. The registration fee is only \$3.00, and everyone is welcome.

Then on Sunday, we will again celebrate mission work as missionary Rev. Fred Berger will be here with news on the Kronnenwetter Mission. He will preach during the service, but also have a presentation between the service (9:15-10:15) on how home missions are started.

## Support our Christian High School

*April 27 | 12:00-3:00 pm*

After learning about missions next Sunday, head up to Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) for their annual silent auction and soup cookoff. It runs from noon to 3:00 pm. This event raises money to help Northland train future Christian leaders. NLHS is located in Kronnenwetter.

## Help with Easter Breakfast Clean Up

*April 20 | 9:00 am*

Our church leaders are serving the Easter breakfast, but they could use some extra hands with clean up after the meal. The work involves taking down the tables & chairs, removing trash, sweeping, and cleaning the kitchen. If you have time, your help would be appreciated.

Sunday	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Easter Worship</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Easter Worship</b>
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
	4:00 PM	Parent Teacher Organization in the Resource Center
Wednesday	8:35 AM	Principal to Parent Bible Study in the Welcome Center
	8:55 AM	School Chapel Service
	5:30 PM	Handbell Practice in the balcony
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Catechism Class in the Bible Study Room
Thursday	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
Friday	3:30 PM	Set up for Mission Rally
Saturday	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>LWMS Mission Rally</b>
Sunday	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Mission Sunday Worship</b>
	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Mission Presentation in the cafeteria</b>
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Mission Sunday Worship</b>
	12:00 PM	Together We Shine at Northland Lutheran High School
	2:00 PM	Co-ed Volleyball in the gym

## Attendance Report

Last Week's Attendance: 254

## Amazing Grace Update

Thru Apr. 13: \$97,026 toward mortgage principal  
 Goal: \$125,000 in 125 days (by May 31)

## Upcoming Events

- May 1 ~ Glory Be to God Night at St. Paul's School
- May 4-5 ~ Pastor at Conference
- May 7 ~ Compline Service at 6:30 pm
- May 18 ~ Confirmation Sunday



Please join us for Easter breakfast in the gym from 8:00-9:00 am.



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