



The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Dawn

He Lives to Dry My Tears, and Take Away My Fears

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

April 5, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY'S THEME

I can walk through a cemetery where loved ones are buried. What do I feel? Sadness as I think of their departure? Fear that I will soon join them? Without the resurrection of Jesus, I fear death and I continue to cry. But he lives, and it makes a difference. Jesus is the resurrection first fruits for the harvest of humanity. Dead is not dead forever. Death is not final at all! My deceased Christian loved ones are not gone forever. I will see them again. Jesus will do what he promised. He dries my tears. He takes away my fears.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord's Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki

Organist.....Noah Helke

Stand as the bell tolls to begin worship

442 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

CW 442



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
now the first - born from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!



see the place where he was laid; Al - le - lu - ia!
"Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!
while, in strange and awe - full strife, Al - le - lu - ia!
throned in end - less might and pow'r, Al - le - lu - ia!



praise him for the ran - som paid. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met to - geth - er death and life. Al - le - lu - ia!
lives and reigns for - ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin, 11th cent., atr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.

Tune: Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821

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

Amen.

Easter Proclamation

Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels! Rejoice now, all creation!
Sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.

Rejoice, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King.
Know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished.

Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light.
Let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

This is the day when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality.
This is the day when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night.

How holy is this day when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away.
How holy is this day when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast.

How blessed is this day when man is reconciled to God in Christ.
Let Christ, the true Light and Morning Star, shine in our hearts, he who gives light to all creation.



957 Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

CW 957 sts. 1-2



1 Re - joi - ce, an - gel - ic choirs, re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce now, all cre -
2 O earth, ex - ult in ra - dian - ce bright, il - lu - mined by Christ's



a - tion! Let trum - pets loud - ly raise their voice to hail the
splen - dor! Your dark - ness now is put to flight; to him due



Lord's sal - va - tion. Let all Christ's ho - ly priest - hood sing the
prais - es ren - der! Be glad, O Church! Sing out your songs! Your



tri - umph of their might - y King in fes - tive cel - e - bra - tion!
tem - ples fill with shout - ing throngs to hail the glo - rious vic - tor!

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990

Tune: plainsong, 10th cent.; adapt. Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485-after 1546

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Be Seated

Reading

Isaiah 12

We rightly feared what our sins have done. But when Jesus rose, he proved that the payment for sins is complete. The time for crying is over.

In that day you will say: I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done. Proclaim that his name is exalted! Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things! Let this be known in all the earth! Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

30A You Have Turned My Wailing into Dancing

Refrain

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: "You have turned my wail-ing in - to". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "danc - ing, in - to danc - ing." The melody features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second line.

Tone

The musical notation for the Tone is written on two staves in G major. It consists of a series of chords and melodic fragments, including a G major triad, a G major dyad, and a G major chord with a moving bass line.

I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out / of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat / over me.

LORD my God, I called to / you for help,
and you / healed me.

You, LORD, brought me up from the realm / of the dead;
you spared me from going down / to the pit. *Refrain*

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful / people;
praise his / holy name.

For his anger lasts only a / moment,
but his favor lasts a / lifetime;
weeping may stay / for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the / morning.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

In response to the forgiveness won by our Passover Lamb, we make our entire Christian lives into an Easter celebration.

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Purge out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover lamb has been sacrificed, namely, Christ! So let us keep celebrating the festival, not with old yeast, not with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Reading

John 20:1–18

The living Lord appears to Mary to dry her tears and take away her fears.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she told them, “and we don’t know where they put him!” So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. The cloth that had been on Jesus’ head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed. (They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She told them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid him.” After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” Supposing he was the

gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and replied in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means, “Teacher”). Jesus told her, “Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” She also told them the things he said to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

443 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

CW 443

Sermon

Fasting Gives Way To Feasting!

Zechariah 9:19-23

This is what the LORD of Armies says. The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months will become times of rejoicing, joy, and gladness for the house of Judah. Therefore, all of you are to love truth and peace. This is what the LORD of Armies says. People will still come as the inhabitants of many cities. Then the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, “Let us go immediately to plead for the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of Armies. I myself will go.” Then many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of Armies in Jerusalem and to plead for the favor of the LORD. This is what the LORD of Armies says. In those days, ten men from among the speakers of every language of the nations will take firm hold of the hem of a Jew’s garment and say, “Let us go along with you, because we have heard that God is with you.”

Excerpts From the Athanasian Creed

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity; and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one: one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

The Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day (*during this season*), 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. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of 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. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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 to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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 in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.
Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution

450 The Day of Resurrection

CW 450

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.

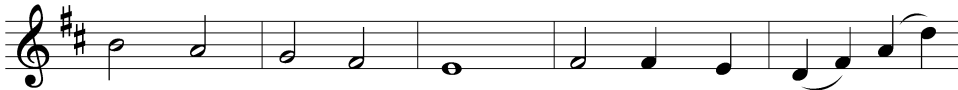
441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441

1-Solo; 2 -Al; 3-Men; 4-Women; 5-Choir; 6-All; 7-Choir; 8-All



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



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



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.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 he lives to wipe away my tears;
 he lives to calm my troubled heart;
 he lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly
 friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

he lives my mansion to prepare;
 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!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1739–1799, abr.
 Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, 1710–1793
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7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;

Easter Memorial Garden

Rosie Jabs in Memory of Family

Ruby Smith in memory of Family

Pastor and Debbie Glowicki in memory of Mary Ciriacks and Terry Glowicki

The Kalal Family in memory of Henry and Betty Jabs

The Terry Morlock Family in memory of Family

Dianne Jabs in memory of Lawrence and Christine Jabs

Connie Jabs in memory of Loves Ones

The Elsenpeter Family in memory of Family

The Bertrang Family in memory of Family

The Breeggemann Family in memory of Family



News & Notes

Directory Photos

We are updating our directory photos this April. Sign up for your sitting which takes about 10-15 minutes. The sitting includes a family photo and individual photos for use in our print and digital directory. An online sign up will be available through our website at spljordan.com under the "Member Info" tab or the qr code. There are 4 dates from which to choose.



Easter Egg Hunt

Meet in the Fireside Room at 8:30 am sharp to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank-you Katie and Rebekah Zander, Angela Kalal and all who helped organize the activities today.

Easter Breakfast

Easter Breakfast begins immediately following worship. We give thanks for the Youth Discipleship Committee, Jeremy and Angela Kalal, and the Roots Youth Group kids and parents for making the breakfast happen today.

Be A Greeter!

The Adult Discipleship Committee is initiating a greeter program to provide a friendly face and greeting to members and visitors alike! What is involved if you volunteer? Be at your assigned position 15 minutes before the start of the service. The sign up is in the volunteer binder on the counter.

LWMS Spring Rally

Come see what a Lutheran Women's Missionary Society district rally is April 11 in Owatonna. All ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church are invited to attend. We are hosting the Fall Rally in October. If you have questions, please ask Amy Radick.

Celebrate Jordan

Come volunteer at our annual booth at Celebrate Jordan on Sunday April 12th! Shifts are 1 hour long, with two volunteers at a time. There will be informational cards about our church, along with a fun game for guests as they walk by. The sign up is in the volunteer binder on the counter.

