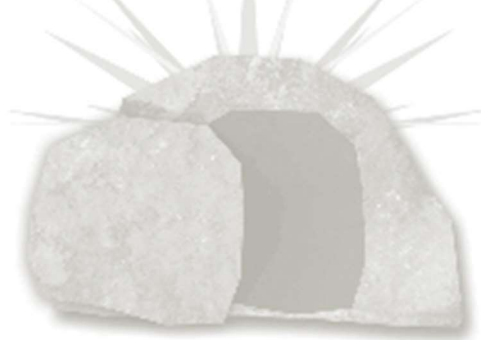


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St. Peter's Lutheran Church
April 17, 2022

Festival Service of the Resurrection of Our Lord

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The 17th of April in the Year of Our Lord 2022

Our Focus This Joyful Eastertide:

CHRIST IS VICTORIOUS!

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. Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season. We do not merely watch from the sidelines as Christ marches in victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell. We join in the festal procession!

Our Focus Today:

Identity in Christ Marches Victorious over All Flawed Identities

It is natural for the human beings God has made to pursue a healthy sense of self. We want to know who we are. We want to be confident of the basis of our value. Unfortunately, our fallen nature and the fallen world point us in the wrong direction

in that pursuit. Lent's call to self-denial and repentance has prepared us for Easter. Christ's empty tomb is proof that an identity buried with Jesus far surpasses any identity we could hope to discover within ourselves.

Jesus, Our Great High Priest

Today you see that on the nine-foot Painted Cross (**Croce Dipinta**) the figure of Christ has changed. Normally we see the **Corpus** (body of Christ) hanging on the tree. This figure is called the **Christos Patiens** (the suffering Christ). But on Easter and lasting through Ascension, the Corpus is replaced with the **Christos Triumphans** (the Triumphant Christ) in his High Priestly garb.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus is our High Priest. In the Old Testament, the high priest represented the people before God and, on the altar at the Temple in Jerusalem, offered up bloody animal sacrifices for the sins of the people. As our High Priest, Jesus represents a world full of sinners before God and, on the altar of the cross, offered up himself as the bloody sacrifice for the sins of the world.

If you look closely at the figure on the cross, you will see a **gold plate on his forehead called a Ziz**. It says, "Holiness to the LORD." Because Jesus was perfect and holy throughout his life, he could offer up the perfect sacrifice for our sins. The **blue robe** is one piece of cloth woven from top to bottom. It reminds us of Jesus' undergarment that was woven in one piece

"Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens."

(Hebrews 7:24-26)

from top to bottom and for which the Roman soldiers cast lots.

On Jesus' chest is the **breastpiece with twelve jewels**, representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel. In the Bible, the Twelve Tribes represent the Church made up of all believers of all time. Jesus carries his church close to his heart. The **mitre on Jesus' head** reminds us that he is a royal priest—our King of kings and Lord of lords who rules over all things for the good of his church. In his **left hand is a scroll** which reads "It is finished," assuring us that the sacrifice for all sins has been made once and for all. With his **right hand he is pointing**, reminding the Church that we are to take the Good News of forgiveness to all creation. In this way, by sending pastors, teachers, missionaries, and all believers out into the world with the Good News of salvation, Jesus is fulfilling his office of prophet.

What a comfort it is to know that Jesus is our ever-living High Priest who sits at the heavenly Father's right hand as a constant assurance that he has offered up the perfect sacrifice for us imperfect sinners once and for all. Our salvation is complete. Our risen High Priest assures us of that fact.

Please stand with hymnal in hand at the
RINGING OF THE BELLS

EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PSALM

This Is the Day the LORD Has Made | 118

RESURRECTION COMFORT

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

The LORD Almighty will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations!
He will swallow up death forever. Alleluia!

The LORD God will wipe away the tears from all faces!
He will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. Alleluia!

Your dead will live; their bodies will rise.
You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Alleluia!

Your dew is like the dew of the morning;
The earth will give birth to her dead. Alleluia!

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

Let us pray. O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Hail Thee, Festival Day | 463

The congregation sings the refrain (below); the choir or soloist sings the stanzas.



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er,



day when our Lord was raised, break - ing the king - dom of death.

FIRST LESSON

Job 19:23-27

God’s people have always confessed, “I believe in the resurrection of the body.”

Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN (6:00)

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word | 461

CHOIR (8:30 & 10:30)

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!

By Joel Raney

They crucified my Lord, they crucified my Lord,
and he never said a mumbalin’ word.
How can it be, the one who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice
to conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelu, sing hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ’s disciples lift their eyes. Alive he stands, their friend and king; Christ, Christ, he is risen.

Refrain: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah. Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed. But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah. The power that raised him from the grave, now works in us to powerfully save. He frees our hearts to live his grace; go tell of his goodness. **Refrain.**

Christ the Lord is risen today, sing hallelujah.
All creation join to say, sing hallelujah. **Refrain. Refrain.**

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

EASTER VERSES

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Christ’s resurrection was foretold in the Scriptures and verified by a host of witnesses.

Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—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. ⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God’s church. ¹⁰But by the grace of God

I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful | 448

The choir sings stanza 1 and refrain; the congregation sings stanzas 2-3 and refrains.

Please stand.



Standing for the proclamation of the Gospel confesses the reality that Christ is actually alive and here now in our midst through His Word.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

The angels announced the resurrection to the women at the tomb.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ²They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. ³When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. ⁵The 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? ⁶He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?" ⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. ¹²But 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today | 438

Stanza 1 | All

Stanza 2 | Ambo side

Stanza 3 | Font side

Stanza 4 | All

“The Women, the Witnesses”

Pastor Boehringer

CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

And now I ask you, in the presence of God, who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned against God and deserve his wrath and punishment?

I do.

Amen! You are right to confess, for Holy Scripture declares: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Do you repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

I do.

Amen! You are right to repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; and many others.

Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?

I do.

Amen! You are right to believe, for Holy Scripture declares: “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Do you promise that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

I do.

Amen! You are right to promise, for Christ the Lord says: “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Finally, do you believe that through me; a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

I do.

Amen! You are right to believe, for Christ the Lord says: “Whoever hears you, hears me” and “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them.”

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May He comfort your heart by his holy Absolution and strengthen you by his holy Sacraments that your joy may be full.

Peace be with you!

Amen!

EASTER VERSES

Triumphant from the grave rose Jesus, strong to save.
He crushed—O Christian, mark it well—sin, Satan, death, and hell.

Now sing your glad song and joyous praise to him prolong!

Buried like sinful man who ends his mortal span,
our Lord could not for long lie there, our own decay to share.

Now sing your glad song and joyous praise to him prolong!

Now Satan is undone! Now death’s dread power is gone!
From fear of hell you are set free through Jesus’ victory!

Now sing your glad song and joyous praise to him prolong!

HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives | 441

Stanzas 1-2 | All

Stanza 3 | Ladies and girls

Stanza 4 | Gentlemen and boys

Stanza 5 | Ladies and girls

Stanza 6 | Gentlemen and boys

Stanzas 7-8 | All

THANK-OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Other special prayers may be included here.

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the resurrection of our Lord, preserve in all your people the Spirit of adoption which you have given that they may serve you in faith and joy;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide | 449

Presiding Minister	Pastor Michael J. Zuberbier
Preacher	Pastor Luke J. Boehringer
Organists	Mr. Brent Nolte & Mrs. Laura Nolte
Adult Choir Director	Mr. David Koepsell
Trumpet	Mr. Brent Nolte



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- *Matt, Jen & Trevin Supple in memory of Mark Supple*
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