



**Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
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Easter Sunday

Today's Focus: Christ is Risen. Rejoice in the reality of the Resurrection as you discover the reality this resurrection brings: Peace, forgiveness and your resurrection are just as real.

Stewardship Snapshot: Consider Mark 16:1-8. The women travel with heavy hearts to their Lord's tomb to serve him with one final act of love—preparing his body for burial. They bring spices, but an empty tomb thwarts those plans. Jesus wasn't there; he is risen! The women left the tomb bewildered. What they would later know and believe, we know and believe now—that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! What “spices” has the Lord given you for service to him?

Welcome!

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Easter Dialogue

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

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438



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



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



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



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

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Stand

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!

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,
 we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
 and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
 Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
 according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675 sts. 1, 5-7



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, now no
7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
pow'rs be - neath you lie. You have con - quered in the fight,
more the grave en - thrall; you have o - pened par - a - dise,
lone can sin de - stroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
you have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!
and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
new - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

118A This is the Day the LORD Has Made

Psalm 118A

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

The LORD is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;

you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected

has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,

and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

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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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675 st. 8

8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. A bracket groups the notes for 'crown shall give'. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. The third staff concludes the phrase with quarter notes and a final double bar line.

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CW 440



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -
2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on
to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 earth, and there - fore death had brought us
 crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.
 life, the reign of death was end - ed.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to
 in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er
 Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of
 grew more strong and bold and held us
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 whom God so freely gave us;
 he died on the accursèd tree—
 so strong his love—to save us.
 See, his blood now marks our door;
 faith points to it; death passes o'er,
 and Satan cannot harm us.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
 to which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is himself the joy of all,
 the sun that warms and lights us.
 Now his grace to us imparts
 eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 the night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn continues on next page.

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
on Christ, the bread of heaven;
the Word of grace has purged away
the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
he is our meat and drink indeed;
faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

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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

Prayer

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. 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.

Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

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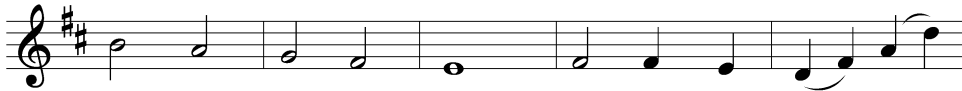


I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441



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.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
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!

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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. 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.

Let all God's people say "Amen!"

Amen

Christ is Risen

He is Risen Indeed!

Be seated

465 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CW 465



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” saints on
 2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, fought the
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
 fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun’s e -
 burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
 death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
 clipse is o’er; lo, he sets in blood no more.
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
 foll’wing our exalted head.
 Made like him, like him we rise;
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
 Praise to you by both be giv’n!
 God has now fulfilled his Word;
 praise the resurrected Lord!

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