



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME

We are blessed to be celebrating Christ's resurrection with you today! May the news of Jesus' victory over death fill you with comfort and peace as you know your sins have been paid for and eternal life is God's gracious gift to you. We pray that especially the friends and family that have joined us today as guests will come again soon and grow in their faith. If you would like to speak with our pastor to learn more about our church family, do feel free to call, email or text Pastor Mahnke directly. May God bless your Easter worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Lord, you loved us so greatly that you gave us your son who lived among us perfectly and died innocently for our sins. Now, we rejoice that he has risen from the grave and rules over all things both on earth below and heaven above for our eternal God. May your Holy Spirit give us the joy of our salvation this day and always. Amen.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we express unity with our Savior and those who share our faith and stand on the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, we invite to our altar those who are members of Our Savior's or members of the WELS/ELS. Visitors who wish to commune are asked to speak to Pastor Mahnke before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Mark Krohn, Bill Unruh



EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE

April 9, 2023

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 438

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Rise for final verse

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

All praise to God the Father -
who raised his Son in victory.

All praise to Jesus, God's Son, risen from the dead -
our living and reigning King.

All praise to God the Holy Spirit -
who has worked in us a living hope in the resurrection.

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

Confession of Sins & Absolution

Even on this Festival day, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Almighty God, heavenly Father,
we confess that we have not remained strong in faith. We have not always let the sure news of your resurrection dispel the fear that wells up within us. We have thought, spoken, and acted in weakness. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve your judgment in time and eternity. Forgive us and renew in us the sure hope of joining the saints and angels at the eternal feast which you have prepared for all who call your Son their Savior and Lord.

By his suffering and death our Lord has paid for our sins, and by his resurrection he has assured our reconciliation with God. As a called servant of our risen and triumphant Lord Jesus Christ and by his authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord is risen: let us worship him!

Hymn

CW 465 sts. 1-2, 5-6
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the
5 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - l'wing
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun's e -
our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like
you by both be giv'n! God has now ful -



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.
him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
filled his Word; praise the res - ur - rect - ed Lord!

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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

²He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

³You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

⁴I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.’

⁵The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.
But you, LORD my God,
brought my life up from the pit.

⁷“When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, LORD,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

⁸“Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.

⁹But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’ ”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118A

Sung responsively with minister by verse; congregation sings refrain & bold print verses

Refrain

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

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Tone

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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Easter Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Hymn

CW 442 sts. 1, 4



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; 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!
now the first - born from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!



see the place where he was laid; 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!
lives and reigns for - ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 445

He's Risen, He's Risen

- 1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
he opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
and earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

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Easter Message

Stand

The Confession of Our Easter Faith *(Based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-11)*

This is the Gospel on which you have taken your stand. This is the Gospel by which you are saved.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary. I believe that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. As the resurrected One, Christ Jesus is my living hope. Now he reigns as King and will come again to judge us all on the basis of faith in him alone. This is the saving faith that lives in me.

Be seated

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior's give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

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. 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.

Special prayers may follow

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.

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.**

The Sacrament

The Gospel proclaims Jesus' resurrection in all its brilliance and beauty. Now the joyous assurance of sins forgiven is proclaimed in the Lord's Supper as we remember Jesus' death and victorious resurrection until he comes in glory on that final Easter day!

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 + 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 + 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.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everliving head!

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives all-glorious in the sky;
he lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 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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Like the Golden Sun Ascending

CW 470

- 1 Like the golden sun ascending,
 breaking through the gloom of night,
on the earth its glory spending
 so that darkness takes to flight,
thus my Jesus from the grave
and death's dismal, dreadful cave
 rose triumphant Easter morning
 at the early purple dawning.

- 2 Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!
 Thanks to you, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us,
 you have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise
and have opened paradise!
 None can fully sing the glory
 of the resurrection story.

- 3 You have died for my transgression,
 all my sins on you were laid.
You have won for me salvation,
 on the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
and shall meet you in the skies.
 Death itself is transitory;
 I shall lift my head in glory.

- 4 For the joy your advent gave me,
 for your gospel's great reward,
for your baptism which has saved me,
 for your supper and your Word;
for your death, the bitter scorn,
for your resurrection morn:
 Lord, I thank you and extol you,
 and in heav'n I shall behold you.

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Closing Prayer

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, because Jesus' tomb is empty go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the risen Lord with gladness.

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.

Closing Hymn

CW 471

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer thro' your triumph.
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!*



*Following our worship, all are invited for food & fellowship
in the church basement fellowship room.*

Serving the Pastoral Vacancy - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

OWLS – Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors will be meeting April 11th at 11:30 am for lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Weston. Payment is accepted at the door. Ask for either the OWLS group or Evan and Sandy to find us. Please join us, you don't need to be a member to attend. Questions call Ruth at 715-573-2142. See you on April 11.

LWMS Spring Rally on Saturday – The Wisconsin River Valley Chapter of Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will hold a spring rally this Saturday, **April 15th** from 9:00-noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Stratford.

WELS Youth Night - The third area "WELS Youth Night" is scheduled for Sunday April 23rd from 5:45-8:30pm at Northland Lutheran High. Youth in grade 8 and older are invited for an evening of pizza, games, music, prayer, Bible message, small group discussion, and fun activities. A sign up can be found at mysaintpeter.org.

Divine Call Update – In case you hadn't heard: Pastor Mahnke declined and returned the Divine Call to Mountain View Lutheran Church in Calgary. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry at St Peter and Our Savior's.

Gifts & Memorials – We thank Rick & Karen Leopold for their gift given in memory of Viola Prott. *Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.*

Thank you to all who donated Easter lilies and to the Ladies' Aid for hosting our food and fellowship hour following today's service.

Pick up today in the narthex:

- April newsletter/calendar
- Forward in Christ
- Meditations
- Portals of Prayer

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Easter Sunday Festival Worship with Holy Communion Food & Fellowship
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Tuesday	11:30 PM	OWLS Meeting at Pizza Ranch
Wednesday	10:15 AM	Author Carol Kolosovsky at OSS (gym)
Saturday	9:00-noon	LWMS Spring Rally at Emmanuel, Stratford
Sunday 4/16	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

April 2, 2023

<u>Weekly</u> \$5,926.00	<u>Vision</u> \$570.00	<u>Debt Red</u> \$410.00	<u>Plate</u> \$91.00	<u>Lent</u> \$612.00	<u>M Thursday</u> \$20.00
<u>Initial Env</u> \$5.00	<u>Missions</u> \$20.00	<u>Memorial</u> \$10.00	<u>OS School</u> \$50.00	<u>WELS Worker Training</u> 250.00	
<u>Office Equip</u> \$50.00	<u>Publications</u> \$11.00	<u>School Fees</u> \$837.50			

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