



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Victory's Won!

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 ~ Sawyer Burish, Robert Gresens



EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE

March 31, 2024

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 438

- 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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Stand

Easter Dialogue

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!

Easter Hymn Response


CW 938 sts. 1-3

This Is the Feast


Refrain




This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



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



1 † Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



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

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Prayer of the Day

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

The Word

First Lesson

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.”

Psalm of the Day

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!

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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Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

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.

Hymn

CW 455 sts. 1, 4

Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



from the gloom - y house of death forth the con - quer - or has gone,
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.; Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.

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After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then 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."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." ¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³ telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 449



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
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Easter Message

Stand

The Confession of Easter

(Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent sufferings and death.

All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

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

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 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 T 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

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.

Text: tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.; Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.
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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.

- 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 lower level fellowship room.*

Thank you to all who donated Easter lilies and to the
Ladies' Aid for hosting our food and fellowship.

Pastor/Teacher Call Meeting: Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm

All members are welcome to attend this important meeting, and voters are especially encouraged to attend.

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 – After that excellent presentation on Alaska by Pastor Phelps we have decided to go to the Pizza Ranch for our April gathering. We will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:30. Again, this is not just for members, but guests are encouraged to attend for some Christian fellowship. Questions contact Evan or Sandy at 715.693.1337.

Pick up today:

- April Newsletter
- Forward in Christ, Meditations, Portals of Prayer

LWMS Spring Rally – St Peter (Schofield Campus) is privileged to host a spring rally of the Wisconsin River Valley circuit of Lutheran Women Missionary Society (LWMS) on Saturday, April 20. The rally theme will be “Gathering Sheep from Every Fold”. Cathy Duncan will talk about her world missions experience and reaching out to Hindu and Muslim women. Registration starts at 8:00 am and the rally will begin 9:00 am. All members, including men, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Everyone Outreach - Our Savior’s is participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach. The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community.

Everyone Outreach kicks off with an interactive 2-day workshop on Saturday, April 27, 9:00-1:30 (lunch provided) and Sunday, April 28, 10:15-11:15 am at Our Savior’s. Each participant will leave the workshop with sustainable ways to personally help build our congregation’s outreach culture.

Register for the workshop by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office (845-3253). Questions? Visit everyoneoutreach.com or contact Tim Heil at 842-4573. We encourage every member of our congregation to attend the workshop and participate. In fact, the more members that attend, the more likely it is that our culture shift will be successful!

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This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Easter Sunday Festival Worship with Holy Communion Food & Fellowship
Tuesday	6:15 PM	PTO
Thursday	6:30 PM	Pastor/Teacher Call Meeting
Sunday 4/7	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

March 24, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Lent</u>	<u>M Thursday</u>
\$4,452.10	\$475.00	\$370.00	\$115.00	\$1,102.00	\$7.00

<u>Missions</u>	<u>NLHS Operating</u>	<u>School Promo</u>	<u>Gym Rental</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$15.00	\$250.00	\$60.00	\$156.00	\$192.00

Anticipated Weekly Offerings \$4,077

Attendance: Sunday, March 24 - 54



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