

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

March 31st, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

Easter Sunday

Introduction for the Day: Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Gathering

Prelude

Variations on: Awake My Heart with Gladness

Please remain seated.

Easter Call to Worship

Let us begin as we live in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. As we enter into the good news that this new dawn brings, may we know the peace that Jesus gives.

Call to Worship

Thirty Years Among Us by Linda Cable Shute
– Senior Choir

Easter Litany

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Thankful is the song we sing!

For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Christ lives here and now.

He is among us at this and every moment!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Alleluia!

Please stand as the Processional Cross passes you.

Opening Hymn

**#365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today arr.
Jeremy Bankson**

Easter Apostolic Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Welcome & Easter Greeting

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

Anthem (8:30)

Jesus Is Risen! by Crystal Davis Clay – Praise Kids

Jesus is risen, Alleluia! Jesus is risen, Alleluia!

1. Hear the birds sing, hear the bells ring!

2. Come, join our song, all the day long!

He is alive forevermore!

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

Word – Easter Lessons and Carols

First Reading

Isaiah 52:9-10

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Alleluia by Ralph Manuel – Bells Angels

Second Reading

Daniel 7:14

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Easter Carol

Lord of the Dance (Stanzas 1 & 5)

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, And I danced in the
5. They cut Me down and I leap up high; I am the
moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heav-en and I
life that will nev-er, nev-er die; I'll live in you if you'll
danced on the earth; At Beth-le-hem I had My birth.
live in Me I am the Lord of the dance, said He.

Refrain
Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He, And I'll
lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

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Third Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-14

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Easter Carol

This Joyful Eastertide (Stanza 1)

1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 sor - - - row! My love, the Cru - ci -
 fied, has sprung to life this mor - - - ow.
 Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three - day pri -
 son, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - - - en.

Text: George Woodward, 1848-1934. Tune: Vreuchten, 67 67 and Refrain. Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

Fourth Reading

Romans 6:3-5, 9-10

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth by Kevin McChesney – Bells Angels

5th Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 54-55, 57

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Easter Carol

Thine Is the Glory (Stanzas 1 & 2)



1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son;
2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;

An - gels in bright rai - mant rolled the stone a - way,
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son;
end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Sixth Reading

Revelation 21:1-4, 6-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Processional

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Stanzas 1 & 4)

1. I know that my Re - deem - er___ lives! What com-fort
 4. He lives to si - lence_ all my___ fears; He live to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who___
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm___ my___

once_ was_ dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 trou - bled_ heart; He live all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt. Tune: Duke Street LM, John Hatton, d. 1793

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O risen Lord!

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Gospel Response

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O risen Christ.

Gospel Recessional

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Stanza 8)

8. He lives, all glo - ry__ to his__ name! He lives, my
 Sav - ior, still the same; What joy this blest_ as -
 -sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Please be seated.
 Sermon

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

Please stand as you are able.
Hymn of the Day

#548 Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen
arr. Jeremy Bankson

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need of good news.

...Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Musical Offering

I Know that My Redeemer Lives! by Brian Hanson – Senior Choir

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Response

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Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving - Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

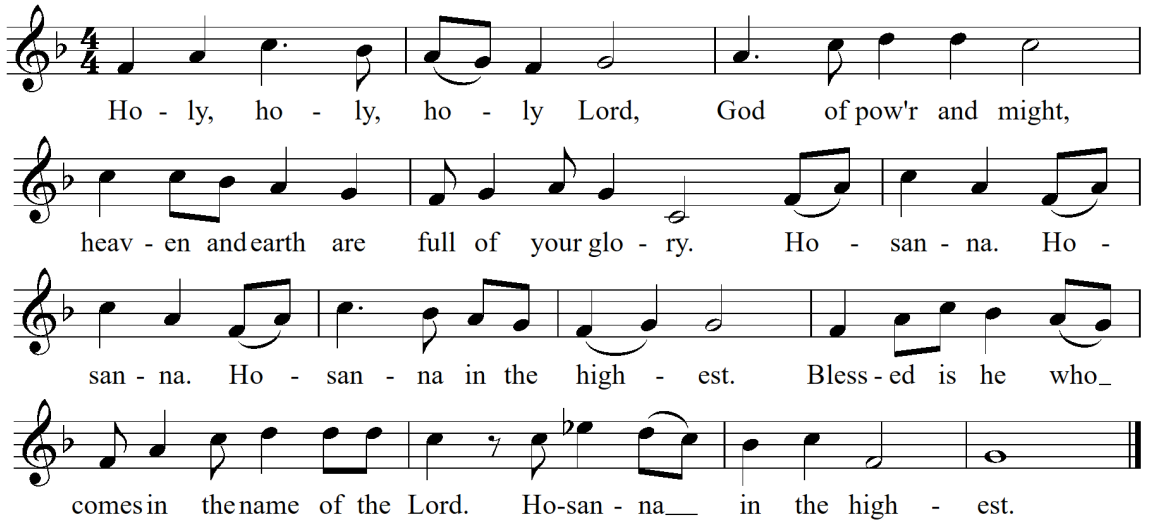
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who_
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na_ in the high - est.

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

We who are hungry, we who are thirsty, we come.

Please be seated.

Communion Hymns

#364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

#384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Glorious God of life, at this table we have tasted your promised future which through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death. Strengthen us to be your risen body in the world that your praise and glory may resound in all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen!

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.

Alleluia! Amen!

May Christ’s resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

Alleluia! Amen!

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen!

Dismissal

Go and proclaim the risen Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Sonata No. 1: Final – Alexandre Guilmant

[1837-1911]