

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

## *Easter Sunday*

**Brass & Percussion Players:** Robert Hughes, Steve Winters, Sal Terrasi, Abigail Hughes, Connor Schmidt, Dave Mikec, Noah Manke, Jack Dankwardt, and Brian Smith.

**Introduction for the Day:** This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

## Gathering

Prelude

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* – Flor Peeters

*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

*¡Aleluia! Christo resucitó [Alleluia! Christ is Risen]*

arr. by Nathan Zullinger

– Senior Choir, Brian Smith, Percussion

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**

**– Bells Angels, Brass, and Percussion**

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 Ann Williams

Anthem (8:30)

*Jesus Is Alive!* by Lynn Shaw Bailey

& Becky Slagle Mayo – Praise Kids

*Easter Bells are ringing. Jesus is alive! Join our happy singing. Jesus is alive!*

*1. He is risen from the grave. Jesus Christ has come to save!*

*2. Joyful music fills the air. Joyful news we gladly share!*

Children's Sermon (8:30)

Pastor Karen Natterstad

## Word

### First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Michael Kastner  
& Kevin McChesney – Bells Angels

*When I survey the wond'rous Cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest  
Gain I count but Loss, and pour Contempt on all my Pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the Death of Christ my God: all the  
vain Things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his Blood.*

*See from his Head, his Hands, his Feet, sorrow and Love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such Love and Sorrow meet? Or Thorns compose so rich a  
Crown?*

*Were the whole Realm of Nature mine, that were a Present far too small; **Love so  
amazing, so divine, Demands my Soul, my Life, my All.** - Isaac Watts,  
Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1707.*

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection  
reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the  
risen Christ in God.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated.*

### Gospel Anthem

*Mary at the Tomb* by Bradley Ellingboe – Senior Choir

### Easter Gospel Drama

Matthew 28:1-10

Claire Foley, Lily Buer, Abby Wurzbarger, Liam  
McCorkle, and Mark Zello

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

**#376 Thine is the Glory arr. by J. Marty Cope  
Brass, Percussion and Congregation**

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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

**#362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing** arr. John Leavitt -- Senior Choir, Brass, Percussion, and Congregation

**Hymnal #362, Please join the choir in singing stanzas 1 and 8 as directed.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Response

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*We also bring forward our Lenten Water Jug in which we collected donations toward wells for people in need.*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O Christ,

**on this day of resurrection, we offer you these simple gifts, signs of your grace and love. Be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and nourish us with the cup of salvation, for you are Lord, now and forever. 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 and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you 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

*Festival Toccata* by Percy E. Fletcher [1879-1932]



**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*or Jeremiah 31:1-6 [not printed]*

**Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated

at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*or Acts 10:34-43 [see above]*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

*or John 20:1-18 [not printed]*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

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