

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 4th, 2021

7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Resurrection of our Lord - 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

(Please be seated)

Prelude

This is the Feast of Victory for Our God

Welcome and Easter Greeting

Pastor Jim Holmberg

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Please meditate on the hymn as it is being played

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!

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!

Text: Latin Carol, 14th Cent., tr. J. Walsh, alt. Tune: Easter Hymn 77 77 and Alleluias. Music J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

(Please stand as you are able)

Easter Litany & Apostolic Greeting

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

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

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

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.

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.

Easter Carol

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*Please meditate on the hymn as it is being played**For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed. He who give life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show.**Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

Tune: Mfurahini, Haleluya 99 99 and refrain. Music: Traditional Tanzanian. Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b1922. Text Copyright © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Tr. © 1977 Howard S. Olson, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used with permission. OneLicense.net A-703603

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.

Easter Carol

This Joyful Eastertide*Please meditate on the hymn as it is being played**This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!**My love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.**Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain.**But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

Text: George Woodward, 1848-1934. Tune: Vruechten, 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.

Easter Carol

We Know That Christ Is Raised*Please meditate on the hymn as it is being played**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!**We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life, as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!*

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Fifth 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.

Easter Carol

Thine Is the Glory*Please meditate on the hymn as it is being played**Thine is the glory, risen conqu’ring Son; Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!**Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;**Let his church with gladness hymn of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won!*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939. Tune: Judas Maccabaeus 55 65 65 65 & Refrain, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

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.

Easter Carol

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Please meditate on the hymn as it is being played

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living head!
He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!*

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

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O risen Lord!

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 for you the Day

Praise to you, O risen Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*Please meditate on the hymn as it is being played.*

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!

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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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

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

...We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

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.

Meal

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied.