



THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

March 31, 2013

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, West Allis, WI

8:00 A.M. Radio broadcast service

CALL TO WORSHIP (choir) *The Day of Resurrection*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* LSB 457

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!

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!

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!

INVOCATION and EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

People: in Your presence there is a fullness of joy.

Pastor: Christ has been raised from the dead,

People: the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Even on this joyous day of celebration, let us not forget that we are sinful people who do not deserve the precious gift of salvation that God has given us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

People: Lord God, heavenly Father, we approach you today with mixed emotions. We are filled with sorrow for our sin, yet we are overwhelmed with the joy of forgiveness. We confess that we have not lived up to your expectations. We have sinned in our thoughts, by our words, and with our actions. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, forgive us all our sins and show us your mercy and love. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast of Victory”* (pages 171-172 LSB)

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!

People: (sung)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might

be to God and the Lamb, forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb
who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHOIR ANTHEM *“The Head That Once was Crowned”*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65: 17-25

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer

will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Corinthians 15: 19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb”*

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24: 1-12, 36-49

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the

dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

CHOIR ANTHEM *“The Bells of Easter Ring”*

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28: 1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

SERMON HYMN: *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”* (LSB 461)

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 triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;

He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

SERMON: *“What Has Been Written... Has Been Accomplished”* (Luke 24: 13-49)

CHOIR ANTHEM *“The Hallelujah Chorus”*

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, heavenly Father, you are a great God who promises and fulfills. When you speak, you act. you are true to all your holy words.

People: Grant us faith to believe all you have spoken, trusting in you all our days.

Pastor: Lord of our salvation, on this day you conquered sin and death through your glorious resurrection from death to life eternal.

People: Grant us all to be filled with the joy and hope that comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for our government and all who have been set into positions of leadership,

People: pour your blessing upon them that they may use the powers entrusted to them for the good of the people.

Pastor: Lord of hosts, we pray for all who serve in our armed forces seeking to protect our nation and who serve to keep the peace.

People: We pray that they find in Christ their refuge in every time of need and be given strength to serve with integrity.

Pastor: Father in heaven, grant your blessing upon our church and school, that the Gospel might have free course among all who worship here, that we may be built up together as Christ’s body,

People: filling us with heavenly peace and making us bold witnesses to the good news of death’s defeat in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Lord of the church, we thank you for those who support the work of the gospel in thanksgiving and memory of loved ones, especially Dave, Diane, and Denton.

People: Bless our efforts and grant us all willing hearts to be of support for the work of Christ’s kingdom.

Pastor: God of healing and hope, we pray for those in need, the sick, the suffering, the dying, the mourning and the lonely, especially Diane, Anita, Kay, David, Dorothy, Bob, William, Eleanor, Carol, Carri, Jean, Lois, Sarah, Irma, Nancy, Gerald, Joe and Anton.

People: We pray that Christ Himself would be their health in sickness, their joy in sorrow and their life in death.

Pastor: God and Father, we pray for all who partake today in the Lamb’s High Feast, that they may rejoice in your gift of salvation,

**People: and that all who partake of Christ's body and blood in
repentant faith would receive a foretaste of that feast to come.**

Pastor: Lord of heaven and earth, we give thanks for the saints who have
gone before us and who now dwell in the glories of your heavenly
presence,

**People: asking that you would bring us with them to the feast of joy that
has no ending in the eternal Kingdom to come.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING ANTHEM (Bell Choir) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

POSTLUDE

He is Risen! Alleluia!

TODAY'S RADIO SPONSOR:

Denton Ebert, in loving memory of his wife, Linda.

Thank you Denton!