

St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Cudahy, Wisconsin

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Welcome to St. Paul's! Today we gather to share Easter's early morning message:
*Christ the one who was crucified ... has **RISEN to rescue us from death!***

PRESERVICE MUSIC

THE BELLS CALL US TO WORSHIP

READING OF THE EASTER DAWN ACCOUNT *(spoken by the pastor, compiled from the 4 Gospels)*

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, while it was still dark, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. As they went, they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?". But when they looked up, they found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While the women were wondering about this, suddenly two men dressed in white robes 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!"

SPECIAL SELECTION – "This Is the Day!" – by the St. Paul's School Easter Singers (Video)

OPENING HYMN – "Like the Golden Sun Ascending" (147)



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing
 2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to
 3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion; All my
 4 Grant me grace, O bless - ed Sav - ior, And your
 5 For the joy your ad - vent gave me, For your



through the gloom of night, On the earth its glo - ry
 you, O Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er
 sins on you were laid. You have won for me sal -
 Ho - ly Spir - it send That my life and my be -
 gos - pel's great re - ward, For your bap - tism which has



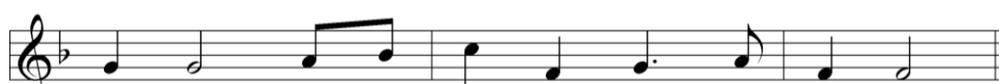
spend - ing So that dark - ness takes to flight,
 o'er us, You have con - quered in the strife,
 va - tion; On the cross my debt was paid.
 hav - ior May be pleas - ing to the end,
 saved me, For your sup - per and your Word,



Thus my Je - sus from the grave And death's dis - mal,
 Thanks be - cause you did a - rise And have o - pened
 From the grave I shall a - rise And shall meet you
 That I may not fall a - gain In - to death's grim
 For your death, the bit - ter scorn, For your res - ur -



dread - ful cave Rose tri - um - phant Eas - ter
 par - a - dise! None can ful - ly sing the
 in the skies. Death it - self is tran - si -
 pit and pain, Whence by grace you have re -
 rec - tion morn: Lord, I thank you and ex -



morn - ing At the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.
 glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
 to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
 tried me And from which you have re - lieved me.
 tol you, And in heav'n I shall be - hold you.

(Please stand)

OPENING RESPONSES

- M: Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**
- M: This is the day the Lord has made!
- C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Hallelujah!**
- M: I will not die, but live!
- C: And will proclaim what the Lord has done!**
- M: Our Lord Almighty reigns!
- C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!**

HYMN OF PRAISE – “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (169 v.1,9)

- 1) O sons and daughters of the King,
 Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
 Today the grave has lost its sting!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 9) On this most holy day of days
 To God your hearts and voices raise
 In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken together)

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON / TODAY'S MESSAGE – Jonah 2:2-9

Jonah's deliverance from the fish is a symbol and foreshadowing of Jesus being delivered from the grave and delivering us from death.

“In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

RESPONSE – “This Is The Feast of Victory” (265 v.1,5)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry 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
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

SECOND LESSON – Colossians 3:1-4

Jesus' resurrection allows us to look to the future with confidence knowing that he has rescued us from death.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

EASTER GOSPEL – Matthew 28:1-10

Matthew's account of our Lord's resurrection.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 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. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SPECIAL SELECTION – "I Will Rise" by the St. Paul's Easter Singers

HYMN OF THE DAY – "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (152 v.1-4)

- 1) **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!**
- 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.**

“Thank God for His Great Rescue Plan”

RESPONSE – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (152 v.5-6)

- 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.**

RESPONSIVE EASTER PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special Prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayer

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

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 OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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 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 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."



M: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

C: And also with you.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING RESPONSES

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: In his great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

M: Bless we the living Lord. Hallelujah!

C: Thanks be to our gracious God. Hallelujah

BENEDICTION

M: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (152 v.7-8)

- 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!”**

SPECIAL SELECTION – “He Is Risen” by the St. Paul’s Easter Singers

SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Easter Message – Pastor Joel Gaertner

He serves as the National Director of Jesus Cares Ministry.
He and his wife LuAnn are members here at St. Paul’s.

Organ / Piano – Mary Wilde

