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Easter Sunday - He is Risen

April 20, 2025

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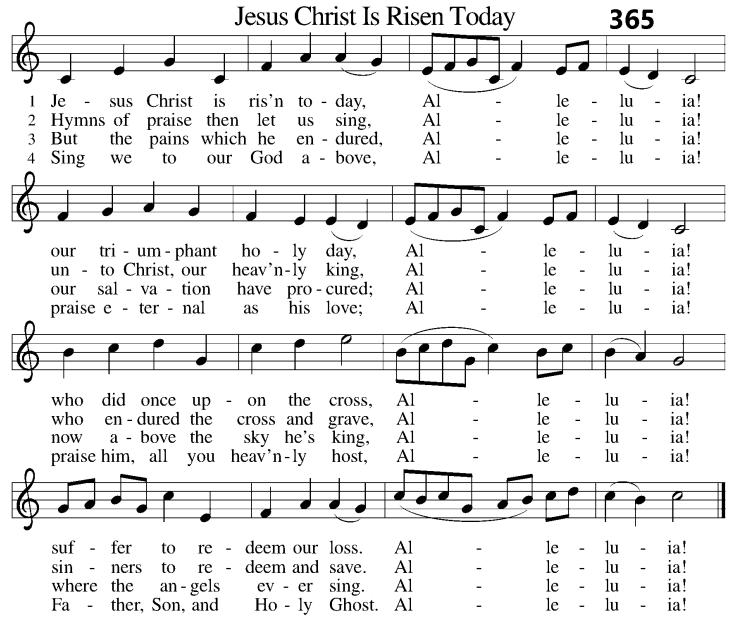
Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

- * Easter Litany of Glory Read Responsively (Please Stand)
- P: We raise our voices in praise, for God's mercy shines forth in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your infinite mercy!
- P: For the sacrifice of love upon the cross,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your unfailing love!
- P: For the forgiveness of sins through the blood of the Lamb,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your redeeming grace!
- P: For the victory over death proclaimed on Easter morning,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your triumphant resurrection!
- P: For the hope restored in every heart,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your eternal promise!
- P: For the light that dispels all darkness,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your radiant truth!
- P: For the joy that fills our souls,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your boundless joy!
- P: For the new life granted to all who believe,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your life-giving Spirit!
- P: For the unity of believers in Christ's resurrection,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your unifying presence!
- P: For the eternal reign of Christ, our King,
- C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your everlasting kingdom!
- P: Let us forever praise the mercy of our God, revealed in Jesus Christ, who conquered death and rose in glory.

All: Amen.

*Gathering Song:



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

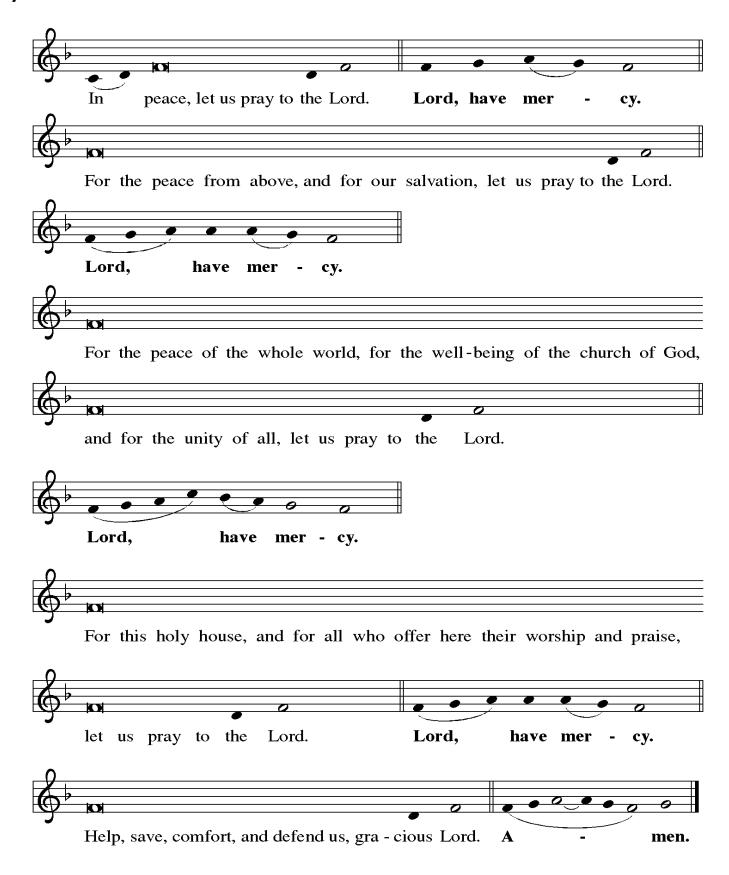
C: And also with you.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie:



Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast



Prayer of the Day: 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.

C: Amen.

Choir: "Jesus Messiah" Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Daniel Carson and Ed Cash Arranged by Heather Sorenson

He became sin, who knew no sin, That we might become His righteousness, He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Amazing love. Love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

The Body, the bread, His blood the wine, broken, spilled out, all for love, The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. Amazing love. Love so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You. All our hope is in You. All the glory to You, Lord, The Light of the world, Light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, name above all names.
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all, Jesus is Lord of all!

Children's Sermon

WORD

The 1st lesson is a reading from Acts, the 10th chapter.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118 (Read Responsively)

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

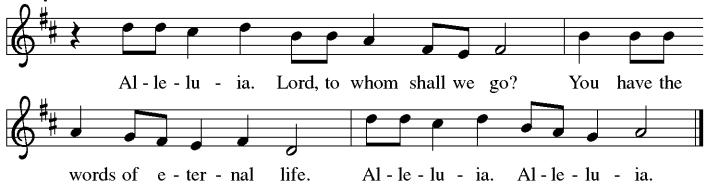
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The 2nd lesson is a reading from 1 Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every 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.

The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation:



*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

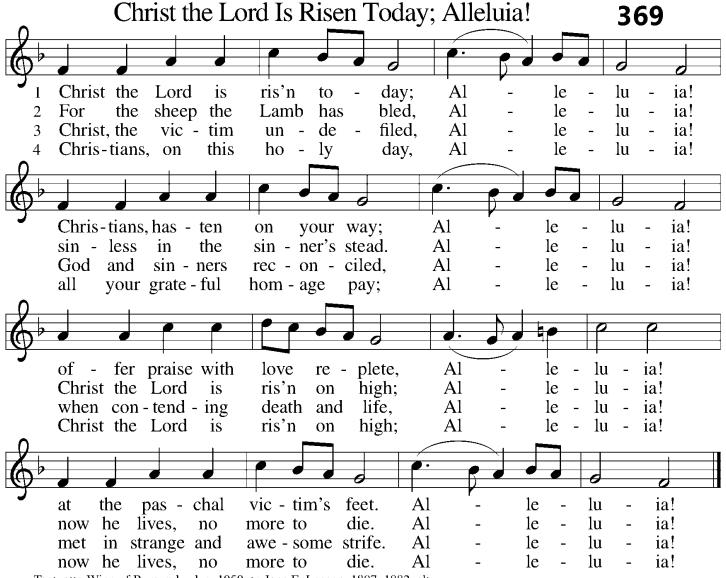
On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed 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, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "An Empty Tomb and a New Life in Christ"

Pastor David Viles

Hymn of the Day:



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

Baptism of Miles Henry Morgan

See Holy Baptism in hymnal on page 227

^{*} The Prayers of Intercession: The congregation's response to "God of grace," is "hear our prayer."

MEAL

Offering: We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God's people and creation through these gifts.

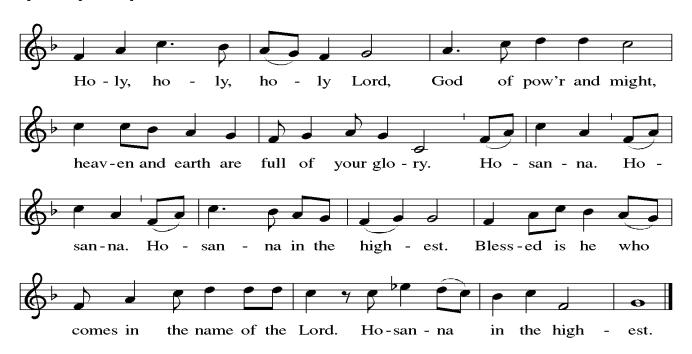
*(Please Stand) Offertory: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

*Holy, Holy, Holy



* Words of Institution - Eucharist Prayer

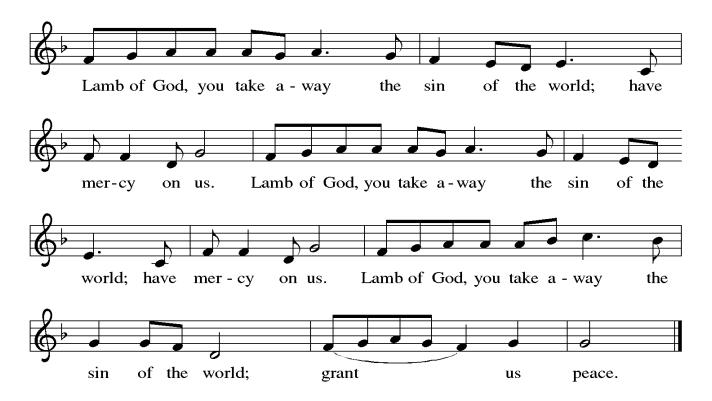
*The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Lamb of God



Distribution of the Elements

*Blessing after the Meal

Pastor David Viles

*(544 verse I) Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing; glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.

*Prayer after Communion:

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C: Amen.**

<u>SENDING</u>

*Blessing: (Please Stand)

Pastor David

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

*Sending Song:



Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Presiding Minister Pastor David Viles

Organist / Keyboard Zola Finch
Song Leader Kathy Meller

Acolyte Oliver Stoermer

Audio / Video Technician Dan Tschirgi Reader Carol Elliott

Communion Assistants Audrey Bunch & Rosemary Heidbreder
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Council Member Misty Schroder

Greeters Harry & Jana Thompson
Altar Flowers Kathryn Linsenbardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism today: Miles Henry Morgans, son of Tim & Heather Morgans, will receive Holy Baptism following the Hymn of the Day. We praise God for this beautiful child who will join the church family as a son of our Father in Heaven. Sponsors are Lindsey & Lucas Carrell.

Easter Egg Hunt – All youth are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt downstairs following our service today. We will meet before going outside! Bag/baskets are available downstairs if you don't have one.

Jr. Lutherans wish to thank John & Debi Berry, Makayla Enowski, Kendall & Hope Stubinger, and Gary & Audrey Bunch for donating 30 dozen eggs for the them to dye.

The Mid – Missouri Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Cole Camp, beginning at 9:00 am with registration and refreshments. Along with the registration fee of \$5.00, there will be offering baskets for grants, in – kind offering, and a raffle. All checks should be made out to St. Paul's Lutheran WELCA, Cole Camp. Our in- kind gifts will be given to Hope 5 One Ministry, an organization dedicated to giving hope and freedom from human trafficking. Monetary gifts are preferred as they are building a facility (Hope House) to house newly rescued survivors. We will hear a message from their director. Please let Marie Scheperle know today if you plan to attend so we can let the church know how many will be attending.

Sunday School kids/students are invited to a social gathering on May 4th! Friends from Trinity Lutheran and St. John's will be joining us to learn, eat, and play! About 11:00 am. More details to follow - see AJ if interested in joining!

2025 Central State Synod Assembly: will be held June 5 - 7 at Embassy Suites in Olathe, KS. Let Pastor know if you are interested in attending. Deadline to register is May 15. Church will cover all expenses (registration fee, hotel, food and milage). Reservation for hotel must be set up by May 6.

Hymn History – It seems that many of our hymns were written by someone that underwent a dramatic conversion to Christianity. Charles Wesley was the last of eighteen children born to Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Charles and his brother John formed the beginning of Methodism, and their mother Susanna is often called the Mother of Methodism. When the brothers sent word of their conversion to their mother, she rejoiced that they went from a very weak faith to a "strong and lively hope in God's mercy through Christ." She instilled much faith in God into her children (mostly without the help of her husband) but had felt that they were "not being sensible about it." Charles gained victory over his temper and drinking habit and began to spread the news of what had happened to him. After failing at open air preaching, a farmer invited him to preach in his field. Upon preaching to 500 there he said "My load was gone, and all my doubts and scruples. God shone upon my path; and I knew this was his will concerning me." During his life he allowed himself to be locked up with condemned men on nights before their execution, that he might comfort and witness to them during their final hours. Charles Wesley is said to have written around 6500 hymns, including our hymn of the day Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia."

Schedule for Online Services:

Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings on FaceBook Live:

https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsChurchOnTheHill

All services can be viewed at any time on our St. Paul's website: http://www.stpaulslutheranlohman.org just scroll down to the middle section and click on the service of your choice under "In Case You Missed It." Below that is another section for current and past bulletins.

Pastor David Viles



Thank you to all who provided lilies to help celebrate this happy Easter Sunday. You may take your flower/flowers after the service. Those providing are:

Harry & Jana Thompson – In memory of loved ones

Don Buchta - In memory of William, Alma & Roger Buchta

Leroy Plochberger family and Marie Scheperle family – In memory of Sara Rhea

Plochberger, Albert & Olinda Plochberger

Don & Becky Weber- In memory of Roy & Royda Weber and Pat & Anna Castrop

Gary & Sherrie Hanks – In memory of loved ones

Frank & Kay Pascoe – In memory of **loved ones**

Pastor David Viles - In memory of **Donna Viles**

Mike & Diane Kalaf – In memory of Rupert & Corine Linsenbardt

Ron & Elizabeth Rowden – In memory of Rupert & Corine Linsenbardt

Mae Nelson – In memory of **Bruce Nelson**

Bill & Erika Gerth - In memory of our parents

Jean Fink - In memory of Jim Fink, Lee & Erna Linsenbardt

Marie Scheperle family, Leroy Plochberger family - In memory of John O. Scheperle,

G. Ray & Edith Scheperle

Kaylin Dunlap family – in memory of **Steven Ross Dunlap**

John & Debi Berry – In memory of **loved ones**

Hope & Kendall, Peyton & Madeline Stubinger – In memory of **Melvin Stubinger and other loved ones**

Sandra Neal – In memory of Jim Neal, Doc & Linda Shannon, and Andy & Anna Kirchner

Kathryn Linsenbardt – in memory of **Lester Linsenbardt**

Joan Stubinger – In memory of Melvin and Moana

Abbie & Paula Linsenbardt – in memory of all the "Linsenbardts"

Rose Strobel – In memory of **Herb Strobel**

Doug & Julie Carel – In memory of our parents

Don & Becky Weber – In honor of our daughters & their spouses & our grandchildren Harry & Jana Thompson – In honor of family and loved ones

Kent & Julie Nelson – In honor of Michelle Watson our granddaughter

Helen Girard – In honor of the joyous Easter season

John & Debi Berry – In honor of our family

Paul Schiller – In honor of the celebration of Easter

Please take your plant after the service



The pure white flower of the Easter lily represents the purity of Christ. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life as the Son of God. He offers us forgiveness of our sins through faith in Him, and in turn purifies us from our sin and 'washes us whiter than snow. Also, the shape of the lily is that of a trumpet. Just as trumpets and other brass instruments send out music, we are called to announce God's good news of forgiveness and new life that comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus.