

St. John Lutheran Church & School
Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Easter Sunday April 20, 2025



Christ Is Risen!

**CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED**

Alleluia

As We Gather... Jesus compels us to ponder the unthinkable, the amazing—to embrace a cataclysmic event that destroys death and literally makes all things new. Resurrection! Christ’s brutal coronation and crucifixion ensures that the entire cosmos, the heavens and the earth, are renewed—in resurrection! Chills soar through our souls at the very thought of it all. In confident faith we are bold to confess that king Jesus unleashes His incomparable reign, crushing the evil aggression of principalities, authorities, and even Satan himself. Unrelenting shouts and songs of alleluia shape the church today because of resurrection. Setting aside all timidity, fear, and anxiety, the church acclaims “Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Resurrection confidence in Jesus unites our speech and our song on this day, as we await—with the same confidence—our own day of resurrection, with all the saints in glory.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children’s worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

Confession and Absolution

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1	Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	Hymns of praise then let us sing,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	But the pains which He en - dured,	Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4	Sing we to our God a - bove,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;	Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love;	Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have
redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy
abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

**the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's

resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23–27

²³"Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷whom I shall see for myself,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:22–24

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 20:11-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 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.
- 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!

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Sermon

"Checkmate"

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Congregational Response after each petition:

C: You have risen, and we will also arise!

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

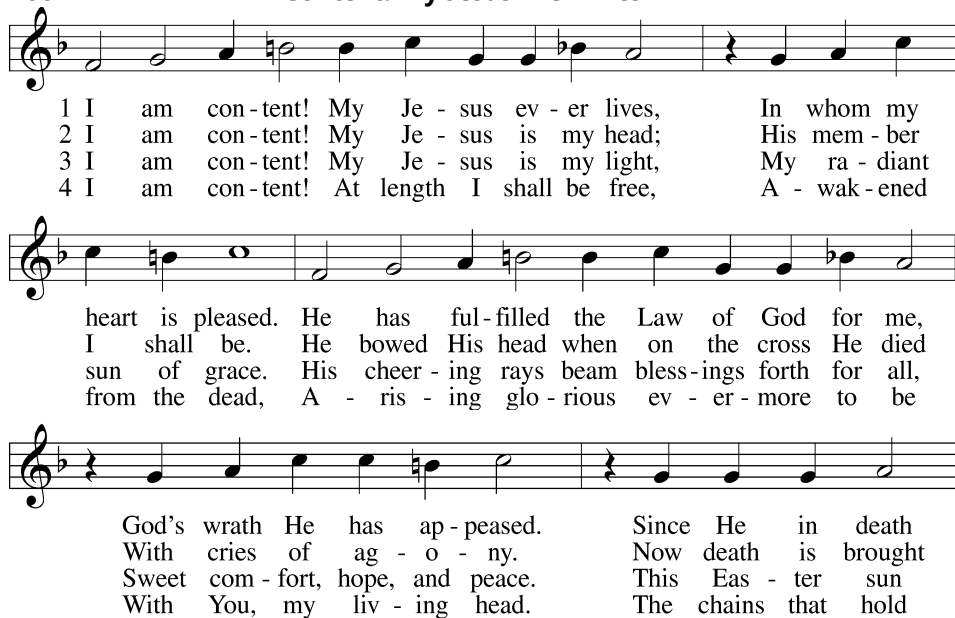
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Sit

Distribution Hymns

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I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
 4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened
 heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the Law of God for me,
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all,
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be
 God's wrath He has ap - peased. Since He in death
 With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought
 Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall
in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -
has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -
my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
re - joice for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*Stand***Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Attendance Last Week: 290

General giving last week: \$8410.00

Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

21 Monday	LWML Meeting	6:30 pm
24 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
26 Saturday	LWML RALLY	11:00 am – 2:00 pm
27 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
27 Sunday	Quarterly Voters Meeting	10:30 am
27 Sunday	NO Adult Bible Class	
27 Sunday	? Sunday School	10:30 am

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are from Bob and Karen Wendt in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

THE ST. JOHN LWML is hosting the Zone 12 **Spring Rally on April 26th** we would love for you to join us for this event starting at 11:00am. We will also need some help with food and setup/cleanup. Please see the LWML article in the April newsletter for more information. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING: A Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27th, after the church service, in the Lower Level of the Church. All communicant members age 18 and older are eligible to become voting members. Please plan to attend!

PASTOR ROB IS TAKING THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS CAMPING APRIL 25-27.

We need your help to give our students a fun trip that will also be beneficial for their faith. On the back table is a sign-up sheet for donations we'll be needing; if you're able, please stop in the back and sign-up to bring something. You can drop off your donation at the church any time before the 25th (the office is open from 9:00-12:00 Mon-Thurs and pastor may be there at other times depending on his schedule). Cold donations can be placed in the refrigerator in the church basement.

OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR MARCH FOR LIFE WALK:

On April 24th at 5:00pm at the Berlin Library, the State Director from Pro-Life Wisconsin, Dan Miller, will be doing "Sidewalk Counseling" to prepare interested attendees for the March for Life at the state capital, which will take place on June 14th. All are welcome to check it out.

A PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES JOINING US:

On Sunday, May 4, Deaconess Grace Rao, Executive Director from A Place of Refuge Ministries, will be joining us to give a short presentation after the service and a longer one during the Bible study hour to share information about the important work this ministry is doing to care for pregnant mothers and their unborn children. Additionally, she'll share the joy of serving the Triune God as a deaconess.

TITUS 2 WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

Titus 2 is a women's group dedicated to building Christian relationships between different generations. Their next gathering is May 3rd from 5:00-8:00 at River Shores Church. If you are mature in your faith, please bring advice, wisdom, or scripture to share with others. If you're younger or new to your faith, please bring a dish to pass and any questions you have! Please RSVP or direct any questions to Rachel Cassidy (920) 290-4459.



Easter Lilies and Flowering Plants have been given by the following members:

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who gave his or her Easter flowers to help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter morning. The list of donors will be repeated in the bulletin next week and will also include anyone who gave flowers after the bulletin printing deadline this week, provided you let someone from the Altar Guild know that you gave the flowers and how you'd like your announcement to read. Once again, thank you to all!

IN MEMORY OF Elaine Humphrey, from Bob & Amy Radliff.

IN MEMORY OF Harry & Kathryn Froelich, Vicky Hunt and Ward Durrant from Pat Durrant and Family.

IN MEMORY OF Walter & Louise Rodensal, Leo & Agnes Henriksen, from Russ and Robin Henriksen.

IN HONOR OF Bill Brooks: Husband, Father, and Grandfather, from Amy, Steven, and Michael Brooks.

IN MEMORY OF Karl & Joyce Krause from Judy Uchtyl.

IN HONOR OF their children Mark & Terri Rausch and Ted & Kim Van Dellen, from Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen.

IN HONOR OF Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen, from Mark & Terri Rausch.

IN PRAISE to the LORD, from the Altar Guild.

IN MEMORY OF their parents, from Duane and Linde Nitz.

IN MEMORY OF our Parents, Nancy's Sister and Brother, from Norm and Nancy Fibiger.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF My Husband, Gerald Krause, from Carol Krause.

IN MEMORY OF Bud Polk from Carolyn Polk and Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF My Dad Richard Boening from Chris & Dave Dretske and Family.

IN MEMORY OF the Love of My Life, Ken Fink, from JoAnn Fink.

IN MEMORY OF Our Grandchildren: Ariel, Micah and Gadiel, from Norm and Nancy Fibiger.

IN LOVING MEMORY of My Husband, Richard Boening and Daughter Lori Sertle, from Connie Boening.

IN MEMORY OF Paul, from Joyce Parsons

Chop Suey Supper –Wed. April 30th

Drive Thru only. 4:30 pm until out

Tickets \$13 in advance

\$15 at the door

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