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*"Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed."*



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*...Growing In Christ
To Reach, Teach, and Care.*

Lutheran Church
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Hymn 480

He's Risen, He's Risen

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- △ 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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Invocation and Easter Sentences

Romans 6:9; 1 Cor. 15:4-6; John 20:29b

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

C Amen.

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

P [Jesus] was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

C He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time.

P Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C Alleluia, alleluia.

Confession and Absolution

P We confess our sins.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 466

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

sts. 1, 5

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom. **Refrain**

Refrain **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!**

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. **Refrain**

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you

love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

In Thee Is Gladness

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1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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

C **Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.** (2 Timothy 1:10b)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand,

and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn 470

O Sons and Daughters of the King

sts. 1, 4–8

- 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!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Prayer

P Let us pray. O Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, by the fulfillment of Your Word and promises, remind us that although we have not seen Your resurrected body with our physical eyes, we have seen You with the eyes of faith. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who raised up such faith in us. Enable us by that faith to always see You in Your gifts for us of Word and sacrament. Empower us to rejoice in Your resurrection and to declare through our lives that You are indeed, Lord and God!

By Your resurrection power and presence, be with us in all times of trouble, especially now in these worrisome times of the Corona virus. Grant us grace and courage to meet every trial and a joyful spirit that witnesses to Your mercy at work in our lives. Bless all who suffer with Your healing power. Especially hold the Good News of the empty tomb before the eyes of our members now in hospice care, among whom we now add the name of Ron Krueger. Give them peace and Your promises and a spirit of longing for the victory that awaits them. Be with and comfort their families.

O Risen Savior, enable the witness of Your church to Your death and resurrection to remain strong and steadfast in both good and bad times. Move all who hear Your saving message of victory over sin, death and the devil, to one day rejoice with us and all the saints in heaven. In Your victorious name, dear Jesus, we pray.

C Amen.

Preface

- 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.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His rising from the dead He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

- P** Holy, Holy, Holy! Christ the Lord is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Lord's Prayer

C 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 and Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution and Common Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to death on the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

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.

Hymn 482

This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow: **Refrain**

Refrain 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;
But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: **Refrain**

3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: **Refrain**

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- ✦ Welcome to God's House, the place of His comforting promises in Christ Jesus!
- ✦ Offerings may be left at the door. Care Cards are not needed.
- ✦ At service end, either take your bulletin home or place it in the trash.
- ✦ Orders of service are emailed to members and at <http://stpaulsheboygan.org>
The service sign-up link and videos of our services are also available on the website above, or at: <http://facebook.com/stpaulslutheransheboygan>
- ✦ Pastor K. can sign up those without a computer. Call him at 920.395.4141

The Bulletin is sponsored this weekend by the Duplechain & Kauger Families in memory of the birthdays of Mabel (12) & Milton (13) Oldenburg.

The Church Office will be open daily 9am to 1pm Monday-Friday. Although we will be here longer most days, we are asking that you call first if you plan to come in or to schedule an appointment either for here or at your home. Thank you.

School Plant Sale The deadline to order plant vouchers has been extended one week – absolute deadline is Wednesday, April 29th. Vouchers can be picked up starting Friday, May 8th at school. Order forms are available on the table by the elevator or in the narthex. Any questions, contact Lisa via email at stpaulschool53081@yahoo.com or call the school at (920) 452-6882 and leave a message.

Spring Clean-up Call Gary Hinz at 458-9640 if you would like to volunteer a time to rake, sweep, etc. outside our church or school. You can make it for whatever time is convenient for you. Thanks for your help.

Morning Meditations is being sponsored this week by Trinity, Howards Grove.

Offerings for April 10-14: General Fund-\$8,597; Missions-\$937; Major Repairs-\$190; Property-\$90; Roof-\$50; Fine Arts Center-\$10; Music-\$5

Easter Attendance 7am-7; 8:15-9; 9:30-25; 10:45-19 = 60 Total in person; Views -1050

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