

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

resurrection
REALity



Prepare for Worship

Gracious God, you nourish my faith with the good news that you have forgiven my sins in Christ. Let the gospel be proclaimed by all who come to worship today: by ministers called to preach the gospel, by musicians who adorn the gospel with beauty, and by all who proclaim the gospel in song and prayer. Let the miracle of your forgiving love touch my heart and the hearts of all.

Amen.

Setting One

449 This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

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Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain

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 -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 18:1–11 (EHV)

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!”

⁷He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

16B This Is the Day

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made.



Let us re - joice and be glad in it.

LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.
I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. *Refrain*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;
my body also will / rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.
You make known to me the / path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 John 1:1–4 (EHV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—²the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29



Refrain



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

Refrain

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Gospel

John 20:19–31 (EHV)

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.”²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

456 O Sons and Daughters of the King



- 1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."



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!

- 5 When Thomas afterwards had heard that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
he doubted that it was the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he, "my hands, my feet, my body see;
and doubt not, but believe in me." 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 Blessèd are they that have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign. 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!

Sermon The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace John 20:19-31

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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 of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

Be seated

Good News for Kids

Offering

451 See, What a Morning



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of
 2 See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor - row she
 3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro' the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,
 turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,
 clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is
 call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
 life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
 thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

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Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

Blessing

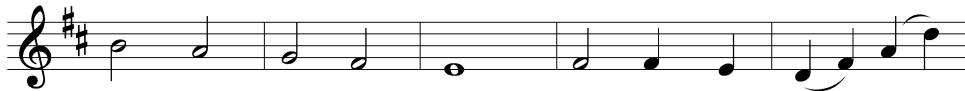
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 1, 5-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
 I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
 to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Welcome to Lincoln Heights!

We are glad you are here today to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please speak with an usher for any help.

Yellow Cards

Please fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Thank you.

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list:

Ukraine

Ray & Gloria Overson, Sherry Just and Randy Michael- shut-ins

Gary Finch, Pat Oswald, Larry Borchert, Greg Lewis, Makenzie Phippen, and Tom Rea - health

Online Giving

Thank you for your generous and cheerful offerings to the Lord.

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Thank You to Today's Helpers

Accompanist: Donna Bakken

Altar Guild: Candice Pippett & Andrea Travi

Counters: Steve Winecke & Dave Rasmussen

Streaming: Benjamin Weber

Ushers 8 am: Peter Nolte & Dennis Moural

10:30 am: Steve Winecke

Next Sunday's Servants

Accompanist: Kris Olson

Altar Guild: Candice Pippett & Andrea Travi

Counters: Leon Burger & Cassandra Canny

Streaming: Benjamin Weber

Ushers 8 am: Peter Nolte & Dennis Moural

10:30 am: Steve Winecke



Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the readings for this week on Monday through Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday through Saturday. The Word for next Sunday:

Acts 3:11-20, 1 John 1:5-2:2, Luke 24:36-49

Celebrating Merle's Birthday

Saturday, April 20th, 2-4pm Church Fellowship Hall

The Lord has blessed Merle Carter with 97 years of life on earth so far.

Stop by to praise the Lord for his gifts to Merle and wish Merle God's continued blessings.

Usher Volunteers Needed

Ushers ensure that the service runs smoothly so worshipers can focus on the Word of God. If you would like to usher, contact Chad Virden at 515-720-5152. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

WELS Worship Conference July 30-Aug 2

The worship conference offers something for everyone. It's not only for pastors and musicians but also for lay people who love worship and want to encourage worship enrichment in their congregations.

One member of Lincoln Heights is already signed up. If you would also like to go, please contact Pastor Pfeifer. Our congregation provides funds to help cover some of the conference fees. See welsworshipconference.net

Open Forum

April 21 at 9:15 am

All congregation members are encouraged to attend the open forum meeting. The council updates the congregation on the work of the congregation and the finances. We discuss our mission and ministry as the people of God gathered at Lincoln Heights and the council seeks input from all congregation members.

Sign up to Mow

The grass will be growing soon. Sign up to mow and keep our property looking nice. Contact John Hoey at 815-900-0940.

April 2024 Forward in Christ

This month's issue is available on the shelf outside the sanctuary doors or online if you prefer at forwardinchrist.net.

Articles of interest include:

It Happened in a Garden by Jason Strong, page 10

Go to the garden that held Jesus' tomb and be reminded that the beauty in death is that it's not the end.

My Christian Life by Paul Brug on page 18.

Cancer can never win. Christ is risen! See how a pastor who lost his earthly fight with cancer won the gift of eternal life.

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

April 7 - 14, 2024

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship
	10:30 pm	Kunama Worship
Wednesday	5:15 pm	Catechism & Bible History
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer Service
Thursday	10:00 am	Women's Fellowship Group
Saturday	4:00 pm	Game Night
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:30 pm	Kunama Worship

Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

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