



He has been raised.

— *Mark 16:6*

R EJOICE!

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The Day of the Resurrection of our Lord, the First Sunday of Easter, is the climax of the church year. This fifty-day season proclaims the victory of Christ, who overcame sin, death, and the devil. It follows the forty-day season of Lent that reveals the weight of humankind's sin, the need for repentance, and the saving work of Christ's death on the cross. "He is risen!" He is risen indeed!

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

This resurrection has many ramifications for us. The sin of the world has been atoned for. Paul puts it starkly and dramatically. Jesus "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). Jesus' resurrection is the grand absolution for the sins of the world. And there are other such dramatic passages. "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:19). The "big event" happened in the death and resurrection of Christ. Righteousness and salvation have been obtained, won, paid for. How is this blessing appropriated by each of us? By faith. As one Lutheran pastor put it, "Although the air surrounds you on all sides, yet it will do you no good if your lungs do not inhale it." Faith grabs hold of the blessings of Christ — indeed, of Christ Himself. Or perhaps better to say, in faith Christ grabs hold of us. **Speak forgiveness! Speak resurrection! What a glorious blessing is Christ's resurrection!**

~ Excerpt from 2018 Lutheran Witness by Pastor Matthew Harrison – LCMS President ~

Bell Choir "The Strife Is O're"

Processional Hymn 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

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.** *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

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. *(Luke 18:13)*

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

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Adult Choir "Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,
slain from the foundation of the world.
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Crown Him, crown Him.
Worthy is the Lamb.
Praise Him, praise Him,
Heav'n and earth resound!

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,
slain from the foundation of the world.
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as the matchless King
through all eternity.

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb of God.
Behold the Lamb, the Lamb of God!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

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

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

P The LORD is my strength and my song,
C **and He has become my salvation.**

P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
C **Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**

P You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

C **You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

P You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,

C **the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,**

P the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

C **The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

All: 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.

P I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;

C **the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

LSB 204



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

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



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

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He
might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at

one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

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

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a

young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"

Sermon Text

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "A Startling New Reality!"

Christ's Resurrection Is a Life-Jarring, Startling New Reality.

1. We're all familiar with death, even though _____
_____.

2. Jesus' resurrection has unleashed a _____
_____ for us.

Hymn 464 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* (John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)

LSB 210



C 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Hymn 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Hymn 624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let to 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 ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

- 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.

Recessional Hymn 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Altar Flowers are given in praise and thanksgiving for our awesome Father who chose to send His Son to die for our sins and for our amazing Savior, Jesus Christ, His Son who willing went to die on the cross for us and rose again on Easter morning to fully pay our debt that by His blood we are redeemed and for the Holy Spirit who brought us to faith through the waters of baptism giving us the certain hope that we will live again with Him in glory! He is risen indeed! Halleluiah!

There are still copies of Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living magazines, for April-June, available in the tract rack in the Narthex.

Calendar of Events

- TODAY ~ Easter Sunday ~March 31st, 2024**
- Easter Sunrise Service at the Cemetery Chapel 7:00 am
- Easter Breakfast – Bethany Room 8:00 am
- Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
- MON: No School – Spring Break**
- TUES: No School – Spring Break - Pastor on Vacation**
- WED: No School – Spring Break - Pastor on Vacation**
- Men’s Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am
- THURS: No School – Spring Break**
- FRI: No School – Spring Break**
- NEXT SUNDAY April 7th, 2024**
- Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
- Worship Service..... 9:30 am
- Scrip Day
- Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm Adult Basketball

The LWML Meeting for April has been moved to April 22nd. More info coming soon.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2024 are as follows: 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

Groovy, Man! ~ SAVE THE DATE!

On May 3rd at 7:00 pm, the **school musical this year** is a 70s game show- "Tell Me the Truth".

If you would like to volunteer to help with the set, props, or costumes, please contact Jennifer Harman.

Bourbon Right to Life Banquet - This year the spring Right to Life banquet for Marshall County will be held at the Cornerstone @ Cedar Banquet Hall located at 9519 Cedar, Bourbon on Tuesday, April 30th. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner is 6:30 pm. Speaker will be Monica Kelsey, Founder of Safe Haven Baby Box. Tickets are \$ 25 each. Jim and Linda Tinkey are hosting a table and if you are interested please let them know. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the battle we face to support human life and show your support for the pro-life initiatives in North Central Indiana.

Please pray for the people of Haiti. Satan is working overtime in Haiti. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering and we ask that you pray that they stay strong in the faith and that the Lord would surround them with His grace and protection. **Check out the mission board next to the Nursery (Cry Room) for the latest update from Mission Haiti.**

Thank you to all who donated candy and eggs for our "Egg-citing Easter Party". Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We also thank all the youth who gave their time to serve at the event! – Bd. of Christian Ed.

YOUTH NEWS

Middle School (6th-8th Grades) Youth Lock In (April 12th-13th 7 pm-7am): Those Youth planning to attend the Lock In are encouraged to invite friends; just confirm with a member of the Youth Board first. Parents of all attendees must sign a waiver that will be available at drop off. Please direct any questions to Andy Wildauer.

Youth Service Events: April is National Volunteer Month and the Youth Board is planning various service events throughout the month. We are setting aside the following dates (with events and more information to be finalized soon):

Sunday, April 14th: Youth in Grades 4-8 – TBD

Sunday, April 21st: Youth in Grades 8-High School - Bremen Community Ctr

Sunday, April 28th: Youth in Grades 8-High School - TBD

Servants for Today's Worship March 31st, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Alexis Andrews

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller

Tender: Jim Russell

Crucifer: Todd Haug

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship April 7th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Matt VanSoest

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Sophia Sahlhoff

Elder: Bill Rogers

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

SCHOOL CORNER

Happy Easter from St. Paul's students and staff! He has risen indeed!

Our busy week finished with a trip to Smiley's Amusement Center for students who completed Reading Challenge goals, NWEA testing, and play practices. Now, we are enjoying some time off during Spring Break! **School resumes on April 8th, Solar Eclipse Day!** (We have eclipse glasses for the students to watch the eclipse after school.)

St. Paul's Preschool and Day School is now enrolling for 2024-25!

Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8th Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, stpaulsbremen.church/school. Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email schools@stpaulsbremen.org. We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours. **Please advertise for us; word-of-mouth is our best advertisement!**

Our Sixth and Seventh Grade Classes are highlighted on the narthex bulletin board!

A new year of donating to the Lutheran SGO is underway! Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.