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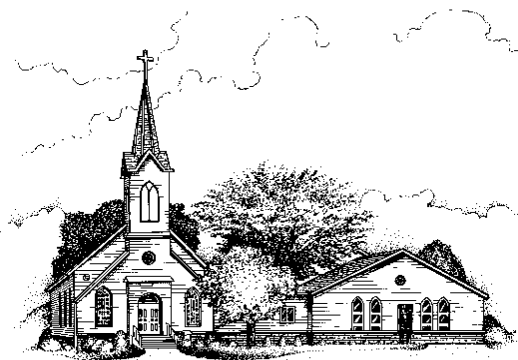
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Welcome to God's House

Death can sting in many ways. It can sting by casting a shadow over every moment of life. No matter what earthly joy you are experiencing, death guarantees it won't last. Second, death can sting by separating loved ones. There are no phone calls or hugs from the dead. Third, death can sting by instilling fear of what follows. Deep down, every human being senses that after death there is some sort of reckoning. . . a judgement. Yes, death can sting in many ways.



Note that word "*can*." Because he lives, death *has* lost its sting for those who put their faith in the living Lord. Because Christ lives, we have all the proof we need that God accepted Jesus' death as the complete and final payment for all our sins. Those who are in Christ need no judgment. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. Moreover, Christ's resurrection is the assurance that our Christian loved ones aren't lost. We'll see them again in the resurrection. Christ's resurrection means we will rise to a world of incomprehensible and unending joy. Because he lives, death has lost its sting.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #438

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Please stand

Easter Dialogue

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed.

Silence for meditation

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession and Absolution

Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

Lord God, I humbly come before you.

I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed.

**I daily fail to do what you command,
and continually do what you forbid.**

Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

**I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ,
you will have mercy on me.**

Upon this, your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life.

The Lord is gracious and righteous!

When I was in great need, he saved me.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

He has become my salvation.

Song of Praise

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds #471:1, 4

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”

Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,

all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

CHRIST HAS RISEN!

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Irish Alleluia - Psalm 118B

Refrain



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

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

Tone



The Lord is my strength and / my defense;
he has become my sal- / vation.

The Lord's right hand is / lifted high;
the Lord's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,
and will proclaim what the / Lord has done. **Refrain**

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;

the Lord has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

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**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

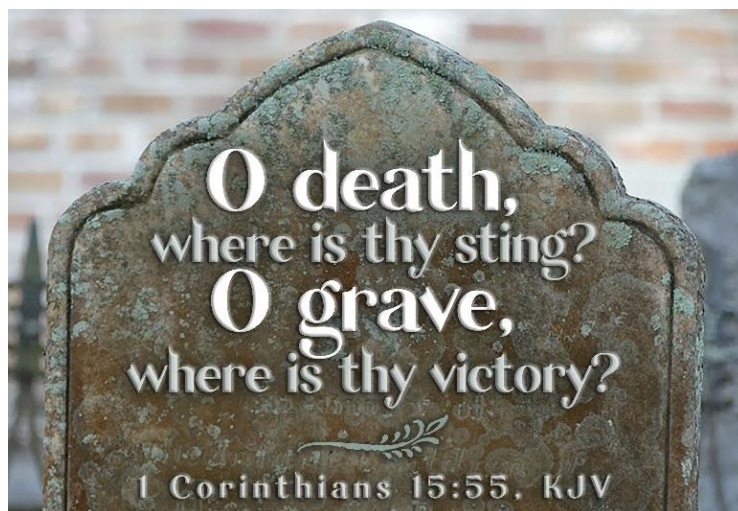
⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

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

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb.

Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives #441

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives all-glorious in the sky; he lives exalted there on high.

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.

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.

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!

Sermon

Psalm 51:18-19

¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,
in burnt offerings offered whole;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope

Confession of Faith

Explanation to the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, *just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.*

This is most certainly true. Amen!

Prayer of the Church

Jesus Christ, Lord of life and King of glory, you are our God. We trust in you and you have saved us. You are the Lord. We rejoice and are glad in your salvation.

We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Since you have swallowed up death with your victory, fill us with confidence that everything we face, we face with our triumphant Lord.

We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

You have prepared a great feast for all peoples. Bless missionaries, evangelists and Christians everywhere who share your invitation in the good news of your resurrection. Bring your message of new life to hearts dead in sin.

We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Lord, grant that we may be faithful witnesses of your resurrection, not only by word of mouth but in actions and truth, for your honor and glory.

We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Lift up those who are bowed down, their faces downcast with grief from loss. Drive out doubt with the good news of your resurrection, and restore faith that one day we will rise imperishable and stand before you in glory.

We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. With the good news of your triumph, cheer those who struggle or are troubled with burdens of all kinds, [especially...]. You have given us all the victory in your resurrection.

We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Listen now to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, this is the day you cleared away the darkness of sin, broke the bonds of death, and arose from the grave as a conqueror. In your wondrous love you gave yourself to redeem us, your servants. Preserve us in the peace and joy of this Eastertide, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one living God, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia #466

Cantors will sing the first two stanzas with the refrains; the congregation is invited to join on the remaining three stanzas



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
he has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare,
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
on - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



Prayer

Almighty God, you give us the peace of sins forgiven and the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at least to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Then the angel said to the women, "And now, go quickly and tell His disciples that He is going to Galilee to meet them there....." The women ran

from the tomb deeply frightened, but also filled with joy and rushed to find the disciples to give them the angel's message.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

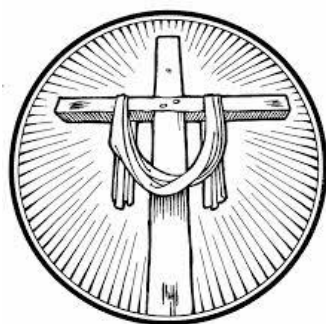
In Christ Alone #510

1 In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 from life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
 can ever pluck me from his hand;
 till he returns or calls me home,
 here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



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This Week at Zion

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Easter Festival Service
Tue:	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens Devotion, Kewaskum
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism Instructions
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sat:	8:00 a.m.	Spring Work Day at church
Sun:	7:30/9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult bible study
	4:00 p.m.	Lutheran Chorale Concert – St. Lucas, Milwaukee

Welcome to all, and especially to our visitors this morning. May the amazing news of our risen Savior renew you in joyful service to our gracious God.

In our Prayers Mike Pamperin & Rhea Schmidt, hospitalized at St. Agnes in Fond du Lac; Herbie Justman, hospitalized at Froedtert – West Bend, following a surgery to remove an infection in his hip.

Special Thanks Bea Pamperin, our organist this morning, along with Keith and Bonnie Herman, Alyce Herman, Lily Musack and Anna Bode for the special music this morning. We also thank Sue Brueggeman, Gerald & Elaine Schulz, their breakfast prep crew and all who helped set up, organize, cook and donate all the items for our Easter breakfast; those who sponsored all the Easter lilies in the church and those who arranged and assigned them, the Sunday School children for the placemats at breakfast, and all who helped decorate for our Easter celebration.

Regular Worship The early Christians began worshiping on Sundays as a way of constantly commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the central event of the Christian faith. We invite and encourage you to continue their practice by worshiping with us next and every Sunday as we regularly remember Jesus and the forgiveness of sins and eternal life he

provides. Our weekly worship and education schedule returns to normal next Sunday.

Work Day God willing, the weather ***this Saturday*** will allow us to have our Spring workday in the morning. If that is the case, your help would be appreciated to spruce up our buildings and grounds, both outside and inside. Bring your landscaping tools, edgers, sweepers, wheelbarrows, and whatever else would make the job easier. We have all the cleaning supplies for the inside of the church. We'll begin at 8 a.m. or whenever you can get here in the morning.

Please pick up a church calendar, newsletter, *Forward in Christ*, or anything you may have missed the past couple weeks from the cabinets in the entryway.

2025 Memorial Lilies

In Loving Memory of:

James & Diane Bartelt
Harold & Maidy Boettcher
Mike & Irene Briski
Elroy & Carol Bublitz
Wayne & Nancy Bublitz
Kenneth & Sylvia Cole
John & Verna Diels
Sam Ernisse
Ethan Etta
Virginia Feucht
Joe Fuller
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Edward Krebs

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Judy Etta Family
Matt & Mindy Feucht
Tom & Laurie Hicken
Galleske Family

Henry & Barbara Kluever
Lucas & Marissa Gehl
Gene Gudex
Mathew & DeAnna Kedinger
Stensaas Family
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Carol Krajcik
Becky Baumeister
Carol Krajcik
Kenn & Gail Kurtz
Darlene Krebs Family

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Verna Resch
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