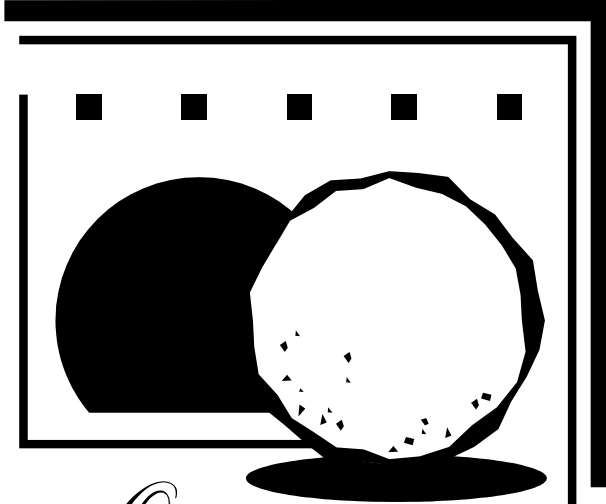


April 12, 2016  
Easter Sunday



On the first day of the  
week, the women went to

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2100 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Austin, MN 55912

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30

Luke 24:1-3

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We thank and praise You for the grace You have revealed in Jesus' resurrection. Grant us the peace that comes through the justification you have announced to all the world through Jesus' resurrection, and instill the hope of our own resurrection to eternal life through faith in Jesus as our ever-living Lord. We praise and bless You through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Redeemer God. Amen.

### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

EASTER GREETING: Psalm 118:14, 19-24

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD,  
Through which the righteous shall enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will praise You, For You have answered me,  
And have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This was the LORD's doing;  
It is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN: 210 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

**<sup>1</sup> Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

**<sup>2</sup> Death's mightiest pow'rs have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath His foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst, Alleluia!**

**<sup>3</sup> On the third morn He rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
Oh, let us swell the joyful strain! Alleluia!**

**<sup>4</sup> He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell  
Let songs of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!**

**<sup>5</sup> Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death's dread sting thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Beloved of God: On this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son Jesus Christ to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead proving His acceptance. of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of our risen Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### PRAYER (Pastor)

Dear Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, we thank and praise You that by Your suffering and death on the cross You endured the very agony of hell for us, reconciling us to God. On Easter we especially thank and praise You for Your resurrection from the dead, for it proves that You are God's Son and seals Your sacrifice as the full payment for our sins. Our King, accept our heartfelt praise for all that You have so graciously done for our salvation, and keep on ruling in our hearts and lives. We ask this In Your name, Amen.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Job 19:23-27

"Oh, that my words were written!

Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

24 That they were engraved on a rock

With an iron pen and lead, forever!

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,

And He shall stand at last on the earth;

26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,

That in my flesh I shall see God,

27 Whom I shall see for myself,  
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me! (NKJV)

THE EPSITILE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. <sup>15</sup> Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. <sup>16</sup> For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! <sup>18</sup> Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. <sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. (NKJV)

HYMN 201:1-3 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

**<sup>1</sup> Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can  
appal me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ  
will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my  
confidence.**

**<sup>2</sup> Jesus lives! To Him the throne High o'er heav'n and  
earth is given.  
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in  
heaven.  
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence! This shall be my  
confidence.**

**<sup>3</sup> Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus  
living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory  
giving.**

**Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." (NKJV)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

HYMN: 188 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives

**1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;  
From the gloomy house of death Forth the Conqueror  
has gone,  
Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to  
rise.**

**2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice; Praise Him, ransomed ones  
of earth.  
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heavenly  
birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and  
hell obey.**

**3 Jesus lives! Why weepest thou? Why that sad and  
frequent sigh?**

**He who died our Brother here Lives our Brother still on high,  
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on His church below.**

THE SERMON: John 20:1-18

Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

<sup>3</sup> Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, <sup>7</sup> and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. <sup>13</sup> Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

<sup>14</sup> Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her. (NKJV)

**THEME:** Jesus' Resurrection Leads from Sadness to Joy  
I. False Assumptions Produce Great Distress  
II. Tears Can Blind One to the Truth  
III. A Living Savior Calls Us from Grief to the Joy of Faith

Offertory, Prayer and Lord's Prayer.

HYMN: 200:1,2,5,7,8 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

**<sup>1</sup> I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.**

**<sup>2</sup> He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky,  
He lives exalted there on high.**

**<sup>5</sup> 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.**

**<sup>7</sup> 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.**

**<sup>8</sup> 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!"**

The Benediction

HYMN: 207:2 "Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious"  
**<sup>2</sup> Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!**

**Death hath now no power o'er us,  
 Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
 Thanks because thou didst arise  
 And hast opened Paradise!  
 None can fully sing the glory  
 Of the resurrection story.**

CALENDAR

TODAY: NO Sunday school or Bible class today.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship **on-line!** No in person worship due to Covid -19 restrictions.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 30-August 2: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday - Sunday.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels  
 Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

April 5<sup>th</sup> attendance -5 for recording purposes

Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received:	1,130.00	Mission	30.00
Needed for Year:	\$ 17,500.00		
Received for Year:	\$ 15,478.00		

