

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 17, 2022

7:15AM

MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

TODAY'S WORSHIP

This service combines elements of the historical Easter Vigil service and the modern tradition of a Sunrise Service. It has four parts: (I) Service of Light, with its focus on the paschal candle, and the unconquered life of Christ; (II) Service of Baptism, with its emphasis on our baptismal connection to Christ; (III) Service of Lessons, with its texts that foreshadowed our redemption and rescue by Jesus; and (IV) Service of Holy Communion, with its proclamation of the risen Savior.

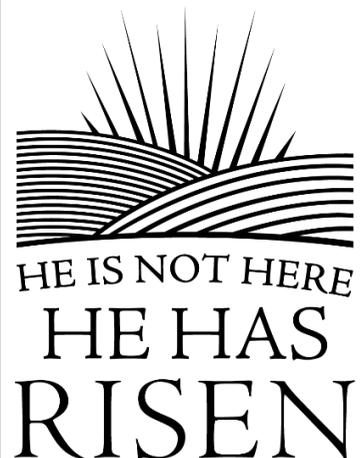
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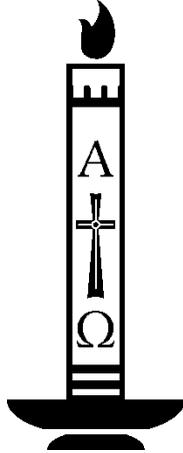
Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

Parent Room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

For the hearing impaired, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

For other special needs or questions, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.





EXPLANATION OF EASTER AND THE PASCHAL CANDLE

We are so pleased that you have come to worship with us on this very special day. Easter is the sacred celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the oldest and holiest Christian festival, the climax and center of the liturgical year, and the holy day to which all other holy days point. Christians commemorate Easter with tremendous joy and thanksgiving.

On Easter Sunday, and throughout the Easter Season, we light the Paschal Candle as a reminder of Christ's resurrection victory over the darkness of sin and death. It emphasizes the presence of the resurrected Christ. "Paschal" comes from the Greek, *pascha*. Before the time of Christ, this word was used for Passover; after Christ, Christians took to using the word when referring to the Festival of the Resurrection. Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the Paschal Candle traditionally stands near or in front of the altar as a symbol of resurrection. It is lighted for each service and is traditionally extinguished after the reading of the Gospel on Ascension Sunday. The Paschal Candle is of substantial size, to reflect its importance.

DIVINE SERVICE

SPECIAL RITE FOR
EASTER SUNRISE

SERVICE OF LIGHT

GATHERING RESPONSES

On this most holy morning, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. [John 1:9; John 8:12]

The Light no darkness can overcome. [John 1:5]

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. [Hebrews 13:8]

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

[Revelation 22:13]

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty. [Revelation 1:8]

To the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now, and to all eternity. [Jude 1:25]

He Himself carried our sins in His body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness.

By his wounds we are healed. [1 Peter 2:24]

PASCHAL CANDLE IS LIT

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Pastor lights the paschal candle from the candles on the altar.

The Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. They were saying to each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us? When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!” (Mark 16:1-6a)

PASCHAL GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!¹

HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Lives | ELH 340:1-3

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

On this holiest of days, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing in the gospel of His glorious resurrection from the dead. Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.”

As baptized children of God we confess our sins.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.

¹ *This is known as the paschal greeting. For centuries, Christians have used this greeting during the 50 days of Easter. When the Pastor says, in the service or sermon, “Christ is risen”, the congregation responds, “He is risen indeed!” Please follow this tradition during the service this morning.*

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**Yes, 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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.**

Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

Amen.

PASCHAL GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

READING

The Song of Moses for God's salvation | Exodus 15:1-11

¹Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD. They said: I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea. ²The LORD is my strength and song. He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a warrior. The LORD is his name. ⁴He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army into the sea. His elite officers are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵The deep waters covered them. They sank down to the depths like a stone. ⁶LORD, your right hand is glorious in power. LORD, your right hand has shattered the enemy. ⁷In your great majesty you overthrew those who opposed you. You sent out your burning anger. It consumed them like stubble. ⁸At the blast from your nostrils the waters piled up. The flowing waters stood up like a dam. The deep waters became solid in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, "I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the plunder. I will do whatever I want with them. I will draw my sword, and my hand will destroy them." ¹⁰But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹LORD, who is like you among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in praise, working wonders?

READING

Job's confidence in his Redeemer | Job 19:20-27

²⁰I am nothing but skin and bones. I have escaped with the skin of my teeth. ²¹Have mercy on me. Have mercy on me, you friends of mine, because the hand of God has struck me. ²²Why do you pursue me the way God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh? ²³Oh how I wish that my words were written down. Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze, ²⁴that they would be engraved in rock forever with an iron tool and letters filled with lead. ²⁵As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust. ²⁶Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God. ²⁷I myself will see him. My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger. My emotions are in turmoil within me.

PASCHAL GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!**HYMN**

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness | ELH 341:1-2, 6

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Visitors, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Sacrament with us.
We welcome members of the ELS and WELS to join us at the Lord's Table.*

GOSPEL READING

The Resurrection of Jesus | John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she told them, "and we don't know where they put him!" ³So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. ⁵Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷The cloth that had been on Jesus' head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. ¹²She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She told them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him." ¹⁴After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and replied in Aramaic, "*Rabboni!*" (which means, "Teacher"). ¹⁷Jesus told her, "Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" She also told them the things he said to her.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, You made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit may worship You in sincerity and truth; 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 (UNISON)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION

CLOSING PRAYER

We thank You, Lord, that You have nourished us with Your Easter sacraments. Fill us with Your Spirit, the Spirit of Your love, that those whom You have satisfied with one heavenly bread may be united in one holy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection | ELH 356

PASCHAL GREETING

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He is risen indeed!

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

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