

*“I am the
resurrection
and the life.”*

JOHN / 11:25



EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE

*David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 12, 2020*

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

Christian Worship #152
(v. 1,2,5-8)

**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!**

**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, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**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!"**

OPENING SENTENCES

Based on 1 Corinthians 15

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

M: If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

C: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

M: If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

C: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

M: If Christ has not been raised, then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

C: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

M: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christian Worship #149

**“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply.**

**Love’s redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our sun’s eclipse is o’er;
Lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where your victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
Foll'wing our exalted head.
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
Praise the resurrected Lord!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 2:2-9

“In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

EASTER GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

HYMN

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb

Christian Worship #159

**Morning breaks upon the tomb;
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies,
See the glorious Savior rise.**

**You who are of death afraid,
Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away;
See the place where Jesus lay.**

**Christian, dry your flowing tears;
Chase your unbelieving fears.
Look on his deserted grave;
Doubt no more his pow'r to save.**

Text: William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, abr.

EXPLANATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE OF APOSTLES CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the baptismal joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

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.**

**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!**

*Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707–88, st. 4;
tr. Lyra Davidica, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.*

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

M: Go in the power of our risen Lord, to love and serve him in all you do.

C: We go in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!

M: 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.

C: Amen.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Glory to God Alone

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| David's Star Debt Retirement: | \$1,628.00 |
| KMLHS Operating: | \$693.00 |
| WELS Missions: | \$534.00 |

LAST WEEKS LIVESTREAM VIEWS

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| Palm Sunday: | 479 |
| Bible Study: | 31 |
| Chapel Service: | 34 |
| Maundy Thursday: | 300 |
| Good Friday: | 524 |

We thank all our members who participated in the "Lend a Plant" program to decorate the church chancel. Groth's Country Gardens also donated two large lily plants."

Announcements For The Week of April 12, 2020

Easter WELS Bells - Word came out via a communication from WELS that churches within our fellowship are being requested to ring their bells at noon local time for 3 minutes on Easter Sunday. The sexton ringing our bells every Sunday has agreed to ring them at noon.

Ladies' Aid Spring Plant Sale - The Ladies Aid group will again be selling Gift Certificates for use at Groth's Country Gardens. Due to the social distancing requirements at this time, orders for certificates will need to be made by contacting either Lois Traska; 262/375-3877; or Marlene Bell; 262/677-2248. Arrangements can be made to get your certificates to you by mail, pick up at either Traska or Bell residence or they can be delivered to you. Certificates are available in \$25.00 denomination. They are usable on annuals/perennials/vegetables. Certificates expire on June 30, 2020. Proceeds from this sale will be used for church improvements.

Helping Those Without Livestream - Here's something Pastor Loescher has done with his father who lives out of state and does not have access to Livestream. Pastor Loescher calls his father on the phone, and then places his phone on "speaker phone" while he and his family views our Livestream service. His father is able to hear the whole service over the phone. They even pause before the hymns to make sure his father can turn to the right page in his hymnal to follow along. Do you know someone without Livestream access? Invite them to worship with you over the phone!

Sermon Copies Available on Woldt Porch - Printed copies of the sermons will be available at the Woldt parsonage. Many have already taken advantage of the opportunity to pick up Meditations, Forward in Christ and our newsletter. We will add new materials as they become available.

Postcards Available - Postcards advertising David's Star Livestreaming are available on the Woldt parsonage porch for those who might want to do a neighborhood canvas. Please do not place the postcards directly in the mailboxes. Use the spot newspapers are placed near the mailbox.

We Have Facebook Too! - Did you know that both David's Star Church and David's Star School have a Facebook page? If you are active on social media, look us up for additional devotional thoughts and worship resources. You can also find a recording of the ringing of the church bells here!

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