



*Easter Festival
Worship*

The Festival of our Lord's Resurrection
March 27, 2016 – 10:00AM
Christ Ev. Lutheran Church
Marshall, MN
Keith Schreiner - Pastor



The Bells Proclaim His Victory Over Death!

The Opening Hymn #157 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen (sung)

The Call to Worship

P: The Lord is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed!

P: Our Lord has won the victory over sin and Satan!

C: We gather to proclaim the victory he won and to praise the Lord our God in Word and Song.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: O come, let us worship our living Lord.

C: Let us celebrate the victory he won.

P: The Lord is Risen! Hallelujah!

C: He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The Hymn: *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.

Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ, rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

The Confession of Sins - (selected verses of Psalm 51)

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

The Announcement of Forgiveness - (Romans 5:8-11)

P: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

C: Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P: I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Easter Collect

An Easter Message

LOOK – LISTEN – LIVE

I. *Look* in the Tomb

✠Meditation on John 20:1-9

The Response: #159 *“Morning Breaks upon the Tomb”*

II. *Listen* to the Lord

✠Meditation on John 20:10-18

The Response: *“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”*

Choir: Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Solo: Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the King of creation.

Choir: Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Solo: Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Choir: Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Choir: We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever.

Cong: Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

**God has proclaimed his gracious gift:
Life eternal for all who believe.**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

**Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

III. *Live* in the Forgiveness of Christ

✠Meditation on John 20:19-23

The Response: #147 *“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”*

Choir v. 1-3

Cong. v. 4 & 5

The Gathering of Our Thank Offerings

While the offering is gathered – Choir *“Alleluia, Jesus Lives”*

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Fellowship: Biblically, Holy Communion is a promise of God’s peace with us and an outward sign of a Christian’s peace with each other. The Bible teaches that the peace with each other involves a willingness to forgive as we have been forgiven and also a “peace”, or unity, of faith. So as not to judge hearts, that unity of faith can only be judged by our public confession, it is proper that those of the same denomination commune together. Those of our sister WELS/ELS congregations who may be visiting today are therefore welcome to join us at the Lord’s Supper. Those visitors of other denominations we welcome to our worship today. We hope you also realize that refraining from Communion today would be in keeping with God’s will.

Distribution Hymns:

Choir *“Alleluia, He is Risen”*

Cong. #155 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”*

Closing Prayer of Thanks

Closing Hymn “*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*” Congregation, Choir and Trumpets

Cong: 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.

Choir: *He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.*

*He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

Cong: He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring my 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!"



This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	7:00 AM	Sunrise Worship
	8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast at Samuel
	10:00 AM	Easter Festival Worship
<i>Monday:</i>	7:00 PM	Long Range Planning Committee
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Luth. Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Luth. Church on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class at Samuel
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry Easter Service
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	MLC Ladies Auxiliary at Lake Benton
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

THANK YOU: A special thank you to the choir and its director Mr. Festerling as well as all vocalists, instrumentalists, organists and other accompanists who helped beautify our worship during this festival season.

DELICIOUS: From the committee who set up and cleaned up, to the church council who prepared and to the CLYF who served our Easter breakfast today - Thank you!

LILIES: thanks to all who donated towards our Easter lilies this year. As always the church looks beautiful.

LRPC: A reminder the Long Range Planning Committee will meet on Monday night at 7 PM at church.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY: The congregation is invited to our JCM Easter celebration at the cross. On Thursday, March 31st you can travel along with our students to witness the empty tomb and feel the glory of our risen Savior.

MLC LADIES AUXILIARY: The auxiliary spring meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake Benton beginning with registration at 9:00 AM.

BRIDAL SHOWER: The congregation is invited to attend a bridal shower for Miss Nicole Dorn, bride to be of Jason Kotecki, on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 AM in the church basement.

