

# The Resurrection of Our Lord



Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Oak Creek, WI

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# Welcome to St. John's!

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- May **God bless your worship** today so that your faith in Christ grows stronger and your love for God and neighbor burns more brightly.
- The **restrooms** are located in the basement at the east end of the building.
- Your **children** are always welcome at St. John's and we encourage you to involve them in the service. If you need to take your little one out for a bit of a breather, please use our parents' room located in the back of the church. Parents with small children may wish to consider sitting in the back pews. Thanks for showing respect to your fellow worshippers.
- If you would like **more information** about Saint John's, feel free to visit our website: [www.stjohnsoakwood.org](http://www.stjohnsoakwood.org); email Pastor Reckzin: [d.reckzin@gmail.com](mailto:d.reckzin@gmail.com); or call Pastor Reckzin: 414-232- 2953.
- If you are **interested in joining St. John's**, Pastor Reckzin is happy to lead you through some Bible classes at your convenience.

**Participation in Holy Communion** In respect for the Scriptures and the true presence of Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament, Saint John's follows the ancient and biblical practice of member communion. We ask that only members of Saint John's or of WELS/ELS congregations come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you have questions about member communion, Pastor Reckzin is happy to explain the practice according to Holy Scripture. We appreciate your respect for our practice. Thank you.

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## A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

All glory, honor, thanks, and praise be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ. By rising from your grave, you guaranteed my resurrection from my grave. I praise you, my Savior, who died for my sins, and rose again for my justification. Accept my prayers and praises. In your holy Name. Amen.

After the bells ring, please rise at the direction of the minister.

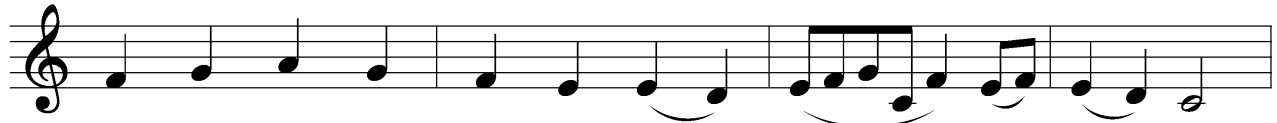
All turn and face the processional cross as it proceeds from the back of church to the chancel.

438 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

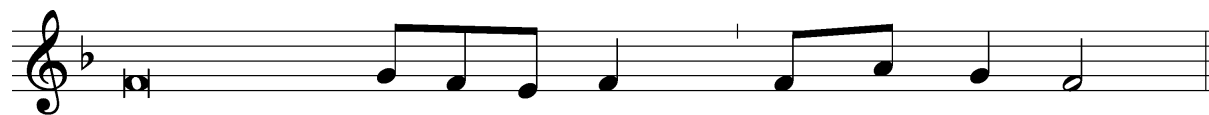
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

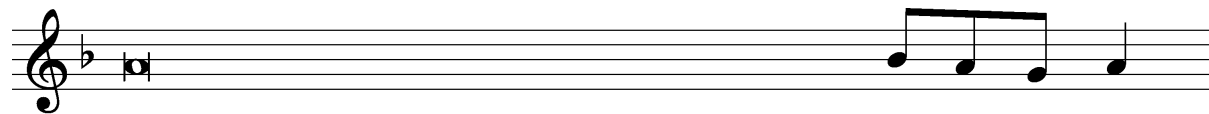
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

### Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



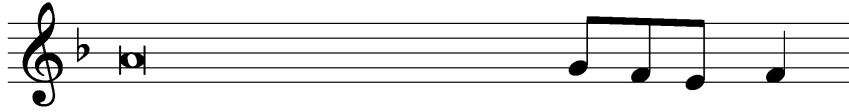
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



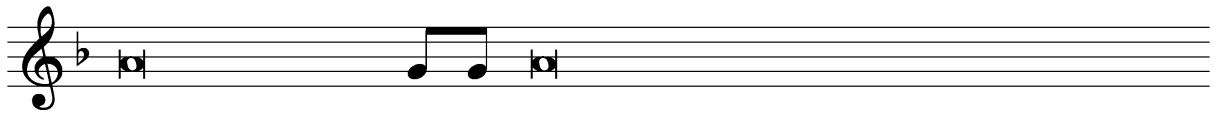
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

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# Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



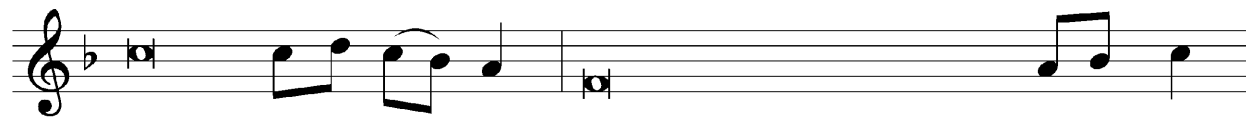
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



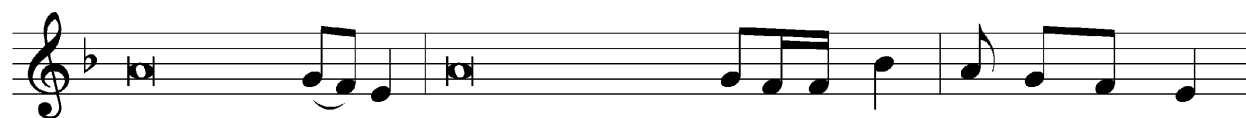
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



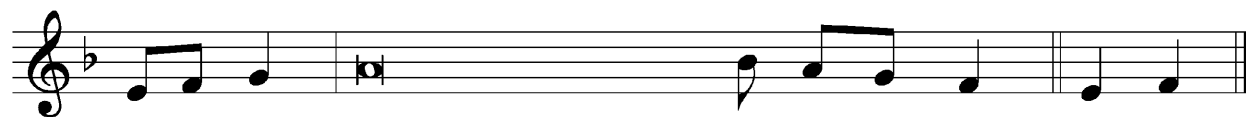
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# 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.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

**Job 19:23–27**

*By faith Job knew that because the redeemer lives, even though Job would die and his body would decay, he would see his God with his own eyes in the resurrection.*

Oh how I wish that my words were written down.  
Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,  
that they would be engraved in rock forever  
with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.  
As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.  
Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,  
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.  
I myself will see him.  
My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.  
My emotions are in turmoil within me.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*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***

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## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

*Christ gives us hope in this life. But Christ's resurrection gives us hope also for the eternal life of glory that is to come.*

If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24



## Refrain



## Tone



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*Early Easter morning, an angel explains to the women why they would not find Jesus' corpse in the tomb.*

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! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

#### 443 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

CW 443



- 1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness— see what to -
- 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay
- 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— what peace it
- 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my
- 5 He brings me to the por - tal that leads to



day is done! Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes  
 in the tomb; but lo, he now is rout - ed, his  
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the  
 Sav - ior dear. My Lord will leave me nev - er; with  
 bliss un - told, where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
 him I need not fear. He rends death's i - ron  
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid where our bed must be made when to the  
 free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry he who is  
 shake, no foe shall ev - er take the hope which  
 chain; he breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
 shared finds here a crown pre - pared; who there with



realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.  
 strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 God's own Son in love for me has won.  
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
 me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied."

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## Sermon

## THE EMPTY TOMB IS VINDICATION

Stand

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

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

**Christ is risen!**

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

**He is risen indeed!**

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

**Alleluia!**

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.

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

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

**You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

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

**You are risen!**

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.

**You are risen indeed!**

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

**Alleluia!**

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

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

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**He is risen!**

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

**He is risen indeed!**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

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.

**Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

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**Offertory Hymn**

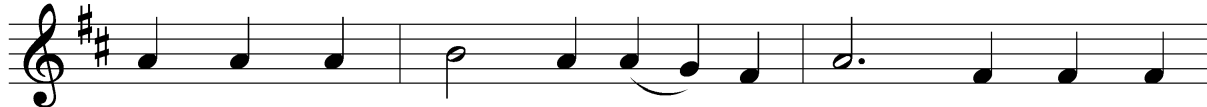
**452 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

CW 452 sts. Ref-5


*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es



vic - tor's tri - umph won; now be the  
le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of  
glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry



song of praise be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our ris - en Head: Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
 the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
 Let hymns of praise his triumph tell:  
 Alleluia!

5 By your deep wounds, O risen King,  
 come set us free from death's sharp sting,  
 that we may live and ever sing:  
 Alleluia! (Refrain)

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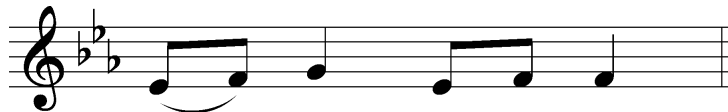
Stand

### Preface

CW 165



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



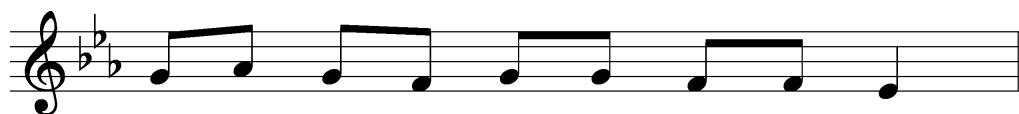
We lift them up to the Lord.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

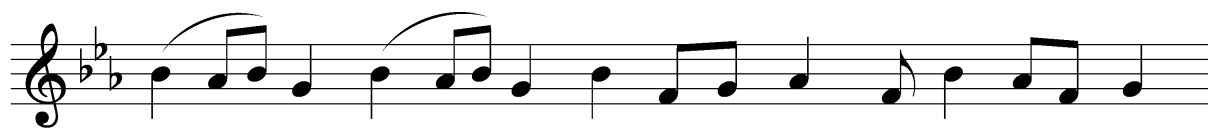


**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

**+ Words of Institution +**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first line ends with a semicolon, the second with a period, the third with a semicolon, the fourth with a semicolon, and the fifth with a double bar line. A slur is placed under the word 'Amen' in the fifth line.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

# 446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to  
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by  
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence  
 5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
 life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;  
 hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,  
 I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern  
 be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the  
 shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I  
 grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven  
 that from death I shall a - wak - en with my  
 God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
 fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
 death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
 Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.  
 flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

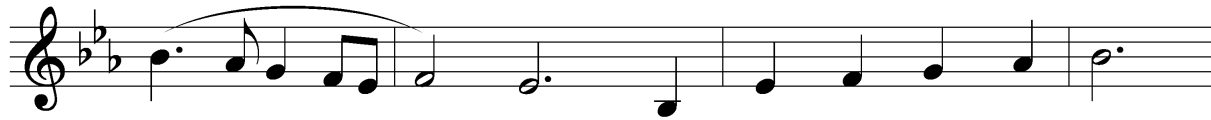
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449 This Joyful Eastertide

CW 449



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.  
 my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
 shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

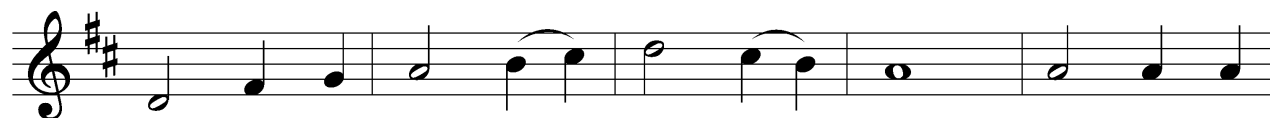


ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

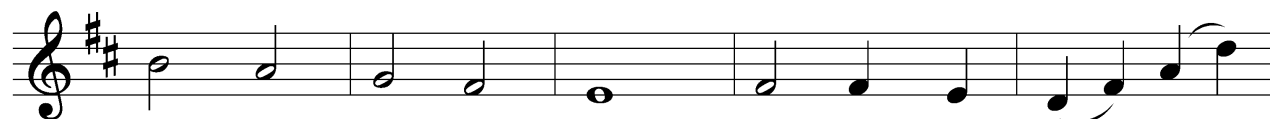
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## 441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 1-2, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious  
 Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1739-1799, abr. Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, 1710-1793 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.  
 We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our  
 love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### 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.**



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the  
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has  
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and  
 fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun's e -  
 burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -  
 death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
 clipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.  
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

**5 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!**

**6 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!**

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# A Welcome to Our Guests

If you're visiting today, we're especially glad to have you with us, and we wish you a blessed Easter. Here are some further ways to connect with our congregation:

- Sign the guest register in the narthex so that we know you came to visit.
- Scan the code to get to our website and learn more about us.
- Speak with Pastor Reckzin, Deacon Lambrecht, or any of our members. We're happy to answer questions or talk with you more!



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## Daily Lectionary Readings for Easter Week (Mar 31 – Apr 6)

*Stay in the Word this week with these daily readings. Use the questions as prompts to meditate more deeply on these passages from the Word of God. May they be a blessing to your faith!*

### Mar 31 (Easter Sunday)

#### **Exodus 14:10-31**

In what ways does the crossing of the Red Sea illustrate our baptism?

#### **Hebrews 7:23-8:13**

What does the author do to stress the perfection of the new covenant and the flaws of the old one?

### Mon Apr 1

#### **Exodus 15:1-18**

How can the song of Moses and the Israelites also be your song of praise?

#### **Hebrews 9:1-28**

How can this chapter give us great confidence in the benefits of the sacrament of Holy Communion?

### Tue Apr 2

#### **Exodus 15:19-16:12**

After rejoicing, the people begin to grumble. What does God's response tell us about the nature of our complaining?

#### **Hebrews 10:1-18**

What does the author mean when he says that Christ has "by a single offering...perfected for all time those who are being sanctified?" (v 14)

### Wed Apr 3

#### **Exodus 16:13-35**

How faithful was God in feeding the Israelites in such an inhabitable place? Consider the ways in which God continues to provide for you.

#### **Hebrews 10:19-39**

Since we know what Christ's perfect sacrifice accomplished, how are we to live?

### Thur Apr 4

#### **Exodus 17:1-16**

Upon whom does the success of Israel ultimately depend?

#### **Hebrews 11:1-29**

What did the Old Testament figures listed here have faith in, even though the Messiah had not yet arrived?

### Fri Apr 5

#### **Exodus 18:5-27**

Moses serves as a mediator between God and his people. How does this role foreshadow Jesus?

#### **Hebrews 12:1-24**

Why do we accept the discipline that God gives us? What is the result of submitting to his will?

### Sat Apr 6

#### **Exodus 19:1-25**

What prevents us from approaching God? How has that been made possible?

#### **Hebrews 13:1-21**

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (v 8) How does this fact strengthen us against false teaching?

## **Parish News**

**Sermons:** Want to revisit messages you hear in church? Here's how to get them:

- Pick up a hard copy in the narthex (in the shelf beneath the signup sheets)
- Read, hear or watch it at [stjohnsoakwood.org/worship](http://stjohnsoakwood.org/worship). Recorded versions are usually available every Sunday.
- Browse an archive of all videos at our YouTube channel (@st.johnslutheran2392)



**Prayer Requests.** This week, please remember in your prayers:

- **Michelle Jaeckel**, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery
- **Mike Gramza**, who is recovering from emergency surgery to his carotid artery
- **Beverly Biba**, who is having continued complications due to hip surgery
- Our shut-ins, **Donna Glidden, Janice Willms, Marlene Mueller, and Paul & Rose Harvey**

If you have a request, please fill out a card in the narthex or speak with Pastor.

**Offerings:** There are multiple ways to give an offering! You can:

- Mail your offering to the church address
- Drop your offering in the box when you're here
- Give electronically by scanning the code or visiting [stjohnsoakwood.org/give](http://stjohnsoakwood.org/give).



**Easter for Kids:** A huge thank you to the volunteers who helped stuff eggs, set up tables, serve food, assist families, and much more during our annual Easter for Kids celebration. Most importantly, we were able to share the Easter resurrection message with eighteen children, 14 of whom were new to St. John's. Praise God for opportunities to share his Gospel!

**Northwestern Publishing House** has all kinds of materials available for Easter and beyond: confirmation gifts, devotionals, music, and much more. There are flyers in the narthex with more information. You can also go to [nph.net](http://nph.net) to find the full range of resources NPH offers.

**Swap Meet:** Our annual swap meet returns on Sun April 6 and will run for the duration of the month. If you would like to participate, please bring you items to church after Easter. See Erika Bahr with questions.

**Anniversary Concert:** As a part of their year long 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, First Ev. Lutheran Church in Racine will host the Laudamus Lutheran Chorale of Southeastern Wisconsin on Sun April 21 at 3:00 pm with a bratwurst dinner to follow.

**Lawn Care:** It won't be long before the grass turns green again. We will need volunteers to help keep it cut and looking nice throughout the warmer months. The more help we have, the less work it will be for everyone. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please speak with Mike Havey or Deacon Lambrecht.

## Serving St. John's in April

### Chancel:

Deacon Lambrecht (Thurs Setup)  
LuAnn Matyas (Thurs Takedown)  
Erika Bahr (Sun Setup)  
Jackie Balistreri (Sun Takedown)

### Organists:

Daniel Baker (Apr 4 & 7)  
Daniel Baker (Apr 11 & 14)  
Lisa Reckzin (Apr 18 & 21)  
Daniel Baker (Apr 25 & 28)

### Ushers:

Art Kruegel (Thurs)  
Dennis Cowan (Sun)  
Chad Frank (Sun)  
Dennis & Janis Cowan (Apr 7)  
LuAnn Matyas & Roni Block (Apr 21)

### Sunday School Teachers

Jamie Dropik (Apr 7)  
Karen Borchardt (Apr 14)  
Chad Frank (Apr 21)  
Daniel Baker (Apr 28)

## This Week at St. John's

Sun (Mar 31)	Easter Vigil w/Holy Communion	6:30 AM
	Easter Breakfast	7:45 AM
	Easter Festival Service w/Holy Communion	9:00 AM
Mon (Apr 1)	<i>No Catechism</i>	
Tue (Apr 2)	<i>No Bible Class</i>	
Thur (Apr 4)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	6:30 PM
Sun (Apr 7)	Divine Service w/Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	Bible Class & Sunday School	10:15 AM



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