



# *Easter Festival Service*

April 20, 2025 at 9:00am

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

North Fond du Lac, WI

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## *Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's!*

Jesus came into our world to sacrifice his life so that you could have forgiveness, healing, and peace. He died for a broken world, but he didn't stay dead. God invites you to rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection, because it means sin is forgiven, guilt is gone, and our relationship with God is restored. This hope is founded on fact and lived by faith. You can have this certainty ***Because He Lives!***

## *For Your Convenience*

**Restrooms** are located in the narthex of the church. Exit the double doors and they will be on your right. Inside both restrooms are **changing tables**. There is a **child-training room** located at the back of the sanctuary should you need to feed or soothe an infant. There is a privacy shade and dimmable light.

**Large print service folders** are provided for your use and located in the information center nearest the sanctuary in the Narthex. **Hearing loop listening devices** are in the same place. Should your hearing aid have a t-coil, please turn it on, and they should receive sound directly without a loop listener.

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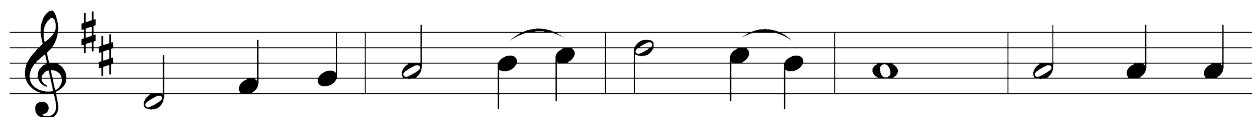
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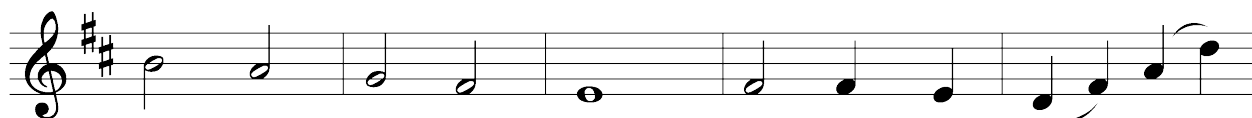
## Opening Chimes *Risen this Day!*

## Opening Hymn 441:1-2, 7-8 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

 Please stand for the singing of the final stanza



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and  
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  
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion  
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.  
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

## Opening Dialogue

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

**This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.**

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him will live, even though they die.

**And those who live by believing in him will never die.**

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

**I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.**

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.**

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

**He is not here; he has risen!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Confession & Absolution**

Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

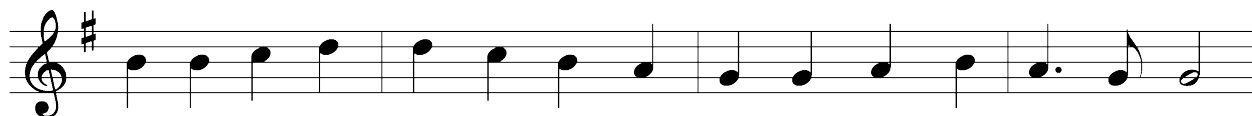
**Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous.

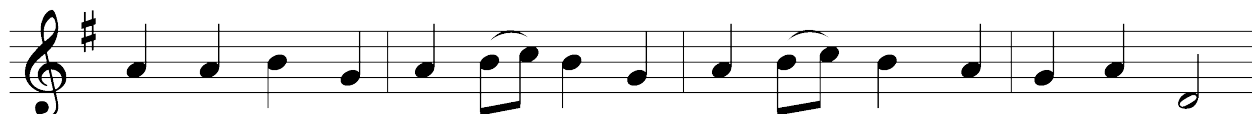
## Hymn of Praise 460 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,  
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

## THE WORD

### Prayer of the Day


The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines.  
7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.

9 In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Choir Anthem** *Resurrection Victory*

### **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—  
52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

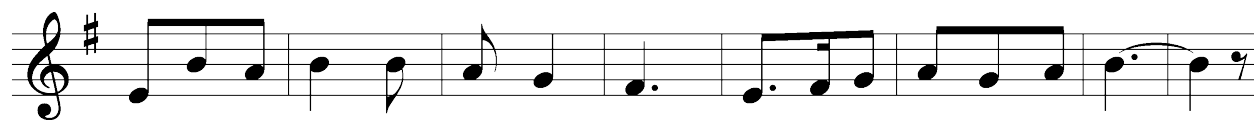
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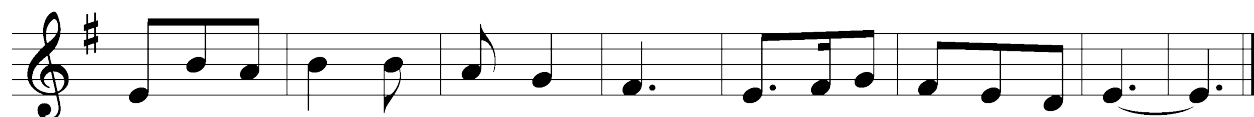
 *Please stand for the Verse of the Day and the reading of the Gospel.*

## Verse of the Day *Psalms 118:24*

### *Refrain*



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



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## Gospel Reading *Luke 24:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup>When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup>Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

🌀 *Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day 439:1-5 *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens -  
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in sin  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple to  
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death  
 5 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free -



es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands  
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,  
 de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the crown  
 con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,  
 ly gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree—



and brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
 and there - fore death had brought us in - to bond - age  
 from death's pale brow for - ev - er. Stripped of pow'r, no  
 the reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
 so strong his love— to save us. See, his blood now



joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 from of old and ev - er grew more strong and bold  
 more it reigns; an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
 plain - ly saith that death is swal - lowed up by death;  
 marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,



loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dis - graced, it lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Sermon *Luke 24:1-12*

🎭 Stand



## Confession of Faith *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

 *Be seated*

## Offering 438 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

 *Please stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.*



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!

## Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

🎵 *Special prayers may be inserted.*

**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.**

## Hymn 868 By Faith

🎵 *Our Soloist will sing stanzas 1-2 and the refrain. The congregation is invited to join in at the 3rd stanza.*

**Note:** The refrains are sung only on stanzas 4 & 5.



1 By faith we see the hand of God  
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth  
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,  
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,  
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,  
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2  
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. Refrain  
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4

**Refrain found on following page**

*Refrain*



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our  
 eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the  
 work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

4 By faith the church was called to go  
 in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
 to deliver captives and to preach good news  
 in ev'ry corner of the earth. **Refrain**

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved  
 and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
 for we know in Christ all things are possible  
 for all who call upon his name. **Refrain**

🌀 Stand

## Prayer and Blessing

Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

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**He is risen indeed!**

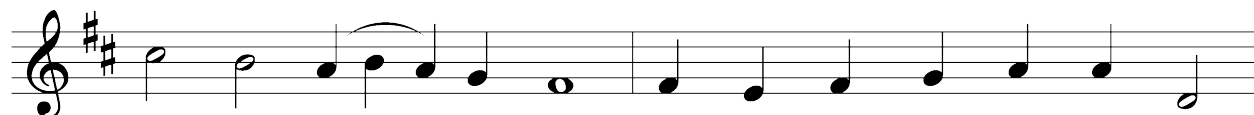
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

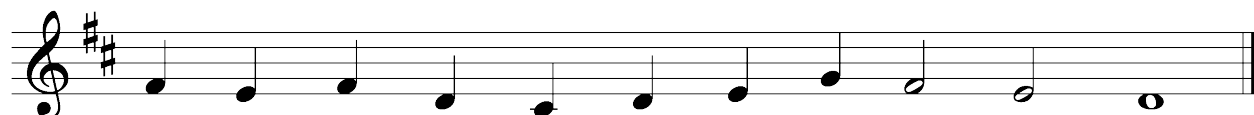
## **Closing Hymn 675:1,5-8 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce  
 6 Now no more can death ap - pall, now no  
 7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -  
 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide  
 pow'rs be - neath you lie. You have con - quered in the fight,  
 more the grave en - thrall; you have o - pened par - a - dise,  
 lone can sin de - stroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 you have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 new - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Three in One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!