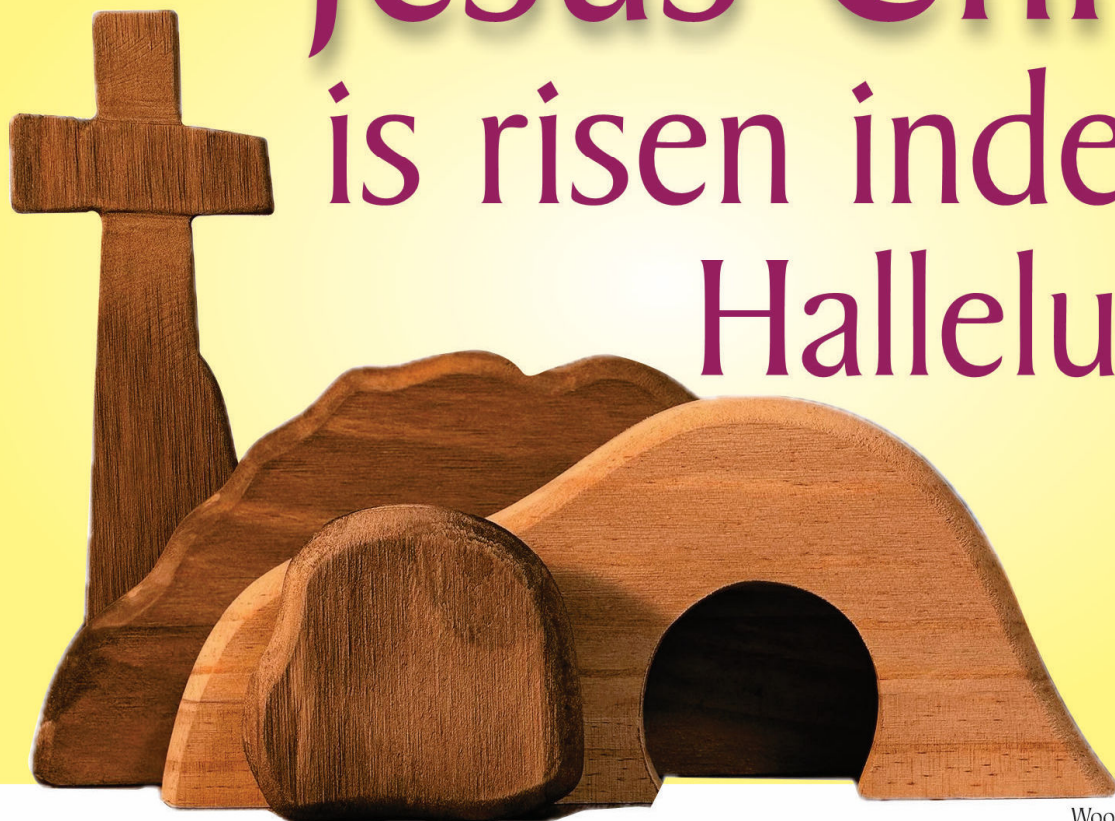


Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



Wooden sculpture by Earl Heidtke

RESURRECTION SUNDAY – EASTER MARCH 31, 2024



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Channel 14 - Comcast: Monday at 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

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Prayer before worship: Dear God, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus. His resurrection proves that our sin is forgiven, that we will live with you forever in heaven, and that we too will rise bodily from the dead just as Jesus did. May his resurrection fill us with the peace of forgiveness and move us to joyful service to you and your Kingdom. In his name we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>				CW675
Stanza 1	All	Stanza 5	Men		
Stanza 2	Choir	Stanza 6	Choir		
Stanza 3	Men	Stanza 7	Women		
Stanza 4	Choir	Stanza 8	All		

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Scripture says, “He was delivered over to death for our sins...” Recognizing that it was our sin that caused his death, let us confess to him...

Lord Jesus, I know that it was for my sin that you came to this earth to live and die. With a humble heart I seek the forgiveness you won through your death on the cross.

Like Peter, when I am faced with persecution, I sometimes deny knowing you. Forgive me Lord for my sins of denial.

Like Thomas, I sometimes desire to walk by sight, not by faith. Forgive me Lord for my sins of doubt.

Like Saul, I can sometimes be a hindrance to the spread of the Gospel instead of an asset. Forgive me, Lord, for my sins of persecution.

For these and all my sins of thought, word and deed, I pray, “Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

The Scripture *also* says, “[He] was raised to life for our justification.” (Romans 4:25) Jesus' resurrection proves to you and me that the payment for our sin was enough. Indeed it was finished, “paid in full!” For the sake of Jesus, God declares us not guilty and our sins washed away. “Death has been swallowed up in victory! Where, O death, is your victory?”

Where, O death, is your sting?" There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Receive with believing hearts that this promise of forgiveness is yours in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Let us pray: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day to 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

I Will Rise

Lloyd Larson

*There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."*

Refrain:

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won; he is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise.

*There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes. Refrain*

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!" Refrain

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HOLY BAPTISM - 9:30 am

FIRST LESSON

Job 19:23–27

²³"Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON**1 Corinthians 15:19–26**

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Refrain*

GOSPEL**Mark 16:1–8**

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY

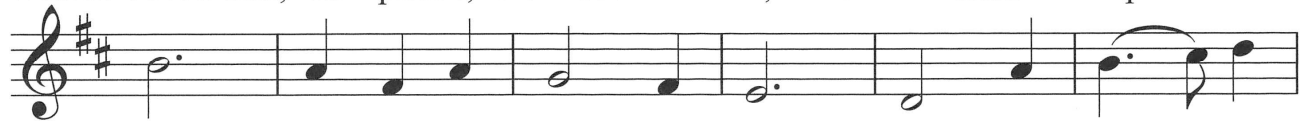
Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76
Tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ
Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
Setting by Kevin Hildebrand



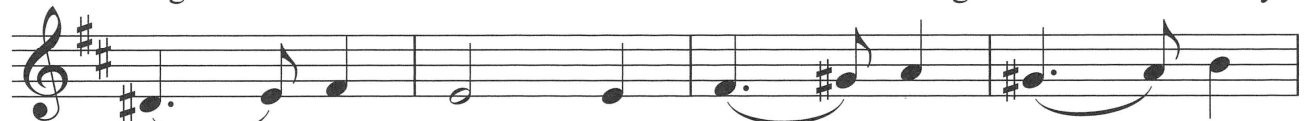
All 1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what__ to - day__ is
Men 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in__ the
Choir 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace__ it doth__ im -
Women 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all__ their pow'r are



done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth__ the
tomb; But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast__ is
part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy__ with -
shorn; Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin__ I



glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there__ was laid Where our bed
turned__ to gloom. For Christ a - gain__ is free; In glo - rious
in__ my heart. No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall
laugh__ to scorn. Grim death with all__ its might Can - not my



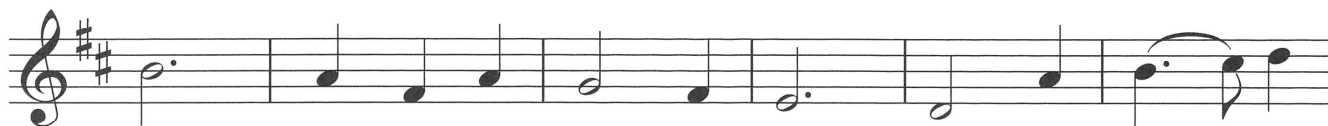
must__ be made When to__ the realms__ of
vic - to - ry He who__ is strong__ to
ev - er take The hope__ which God's__ own
soul__ af - fright; It is__ a pow'r - less



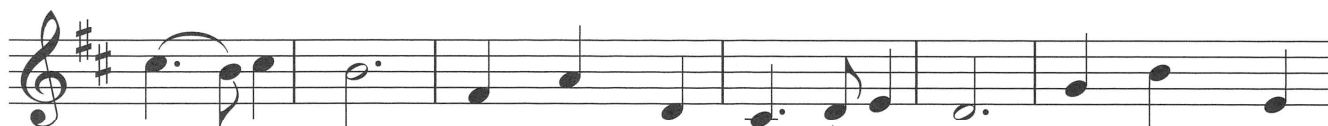
light Our spir - it wings__ its flight.___
save Has tri - umphed o'er__ the grave.___
Son In love__ for me__ has won.___
form, How - e'er__ it rave__ and storm.___



All 5 The world a - gainst me ra - ges, Its fu - ry I ____ dis -
Choir 6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ_ my Sav - ior
All 7 He brings me to the por - tal That leads_ to bliss_ un -



dain; Though bit - ter war it wa - ges, Its work_ is
true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er_ He
told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is found_ in



all_ in vain. My heart from care_ is free, No trou - ble
pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through
script_ of gold: "Who there My cross_ has shared Finds here a



trou - bles me. Mis - for - tune now_ is
sin_ and pain; He shat - ters hell's_ grim
crown_ pre - pared; Who there_ with Me_ has



play, And night_ is bright_ as day._
thrall; I fol - low Him_ through all._
died Shall here_ be glo - ri - fied."_

Our Easter Legacy
I. The Legacy of Adam
II. The Legacy of Christ

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OFFERING/ COMMUNION

If you are not a member of a WELS/ELS congregation, please see the explanation in the announcements.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW441

PRAYER

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the festival of our Lord's resurrection may, by your grace, be brought to the fullness of Easter triumph and joy in the glory of heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

† † †

PREACHER

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ORGAN

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TRUMPET

Pastor Rob Guenther

Pastor Jeff Bovee

Becky Berg

Craig Hirschmann

Dan Borgwardt

Karen Ladner

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	7 & 9:30 am	Worship
	8 am	Easter Breakfast
Mon		Church office closed
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Wed	6 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	7 pm	Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
Fri	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Sat	5:30 pm	MVL Auction at Turner Hall
	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 7	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
Apr 8	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Apr 10	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Apr 12	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Apr 13	6:30 pm	Worship
Apr 14	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
Apr 15	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Apr 16	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
	7 pm	Council Meeting
Apr 17	6:30 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Apr 18	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: Hard Sayings of Jesus
Apr 19	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Apr 20	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	MLC Wind Symphony Concert

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 507.

Fruits of faith given:

\$13,319	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$211,513 / Received to Date: \$228,199</i>	
\$1,012	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$14,246</i>	\$170 K-12 Education Assistance
\$1,247	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$18,707</i>	\$130 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$732	Building Fund	\$50 St. Paul's School
\$1,405	Undesignated Memorials	\$50 Sanctuary Renovation
\$379	Food & Fellowship	

Memorials Given ~ Gifts totaling \$1,405 have been received in memory of Merlyn Brunns from the Brunns family. Our thanks to the donors.

Education Assistance Fund ~ Due to an increase in tuition for St. Paul's Lutheran School, St. John's has established an Education Assistance Fund to assist families that might find it a financial hardship to enroll their children at St. Paul's Lutheran School. If you are moved to give a special offering to the Lord, please consider contributing to this fund so the blessing of Christian education can be shared with all of the families at St. John's. You can write "Education Assistance Fund" to designate a portion of your offerings to this cause. Please consider doing so!

Summer Church Softball ~ Our St John's slow-pitch softball team took second place last year! The season runs from early June to early August. All St John's members age 12 and older are welcome to join! If you are interested in playing please fill out the survey at bit.ly/SJNUSB.



ATTENTION YOUTH! Mission Trip & Youth Rally ~ If you are 8th grade and older and are interested in participating in a Mission Trip or the WELS Youth Rally this summer, please scan the QR code. Contact St. Paul's Staff Minister, Kris Kuschel, with any questions at kkuschel@splnewulm.org.



Ushers and Greeters Wanted ~ Ushers serve on the front line of evangelism for our guests attending St. John's. We seek to ensure all worshippers feel welcome and safe during our services. Ushers are needed for Saturday evening services, with some openings on Sunday morning crews. No experience is necessary. Male members and young men in confirmation class are encouraged to inquire.

Do you have a love for others, enjoy socializing, and are looking for a simple way to serve at St. John's? Consider serving as a greeter! Greeters ensure guests and members feel welcome and serve as guides and sources of information. Our greeter program is open to any member and youth in confirmation class. Contact Brad Price for more information at Deacon@stjohnsnewulm.com

Sanctuary Screens ~ Volunteers are needed to advance the slides during services. Talk to Jim Dretske if you have questions. To sign up use the link bit.ly/SJSlideAdvance or scan the QR code. Thank you!



2024 Pictorial Directory ~ If members would like either a small (8x5) or a large (8x11) copy of the 2024 pictorial directory, please fill out the Directory Request Card, found in either narthex, include your printed name, check size desired, and place card in the J/C Dretske Mailbox or in the church office. For a great option, get an electronic version that is always up-to-date. Go to <http://instantchurchdirectory.com> to download the phone app: Instant Church Directory. It is easy to use, just follow online directions.

NEW Bible Class Offered ~ Join us in person or online at bit.ly/SJBibleClass Fridays at 7 am. The *Early Bird Bible Class* will include a light breakfast and the Word. There will be a freewill offering to help offset the cost of food.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Carnival in Nicollet ~ Come one and all to the Trinity Lutheran School Annual Carnival to be held on Saturday, April 13th from 11 am - 3 pm. Games, Silent Auction and a Pie Auction will be held during this time. We hope to see you there!

MVL Choir Alumni ~ On Sunday, April 21st, MVL will hold its year-end concert at MLC's Chapel of the Christ. Like last year, we'd love for any alumni of the choir to join us in singing "Stay With Us". If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to Mr. Jon Hermanson at jhermanson@mvlhs.org. Music will be shared upon request. Everyone is invited to come to the concert which begins at 7 pm. The concert will feature the MVL A Capella Choir and Chargaliers singing our favorite tunes from this school year.

"Camp Shetek" MN Valley Lutheran Camp ~ "Camp Shetek" will be held at the Group Center at Sibley State Park from June 16 - June 22. More information can be found in the narthex and online. Online registration is open at www.campshetek.org.

WELS/ELS Singles Retreat ~ We invite all singles (widowed, divorced, or never married) to join us at the 2024 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for a weekend of fellowship and fun! The retreat will be April 26-28, 2024 at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, TX. Our theme is "Living In Our Season." The price is \$150. You can register at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat. Any questions can be sent to texasingleswels@gmail.com.

MVL Summer Camps ~ See the information in the e-Bulletin and the poster on the youth board in the narthex for MVL Summer Camps information. Deadline is Friday, April 26.

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Easter Plants

Mark and Jessie Berdan in memory of their parents

Larry and Helen Black in memory of Grace Ann Black

Caroline Carmichael in memory of Christine Carmichael and Gary Carmichael

Kristin Erie in memory of Denny Erie

Bob Johnson in memory of Jean Johnson

Marley Kuckhahn in memory of Erna Zahn

Jamie Milbrett in memory of Jean Milbrett

Tim and Sandy Reinke in memory of Whitey and Val Reinke

Joel and Karen Thomford in memory of Loved Ones

The Alan and Jennifer Uher in memory of Rev. Kurt & Ruth Eggert and Otto & Alda Uher

Anonymous in honor of The 1st Ladies Aid Association of St. John's Lutheran Church



About the Cover ~ The wooden sculpture on the bulletin cover for today is the work of our member Earl Heidtke. The empty tomb with the stone rolled away from in front of it and the cross in the background is the proclamation of the glorious message that Jesus Christ or Redeemer has risen from death. For us this means that the forgiveness of sins Jesus won for us on the cross is really ours. We have peace with God and the certain hope of eternal life in heaven. Therefore, we with one heart and voice exclaim, "Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!"