

“He is not here;
he has risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:6

Resurrection Sunday • April 9, 2023



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April 9, 2023 † 7 and 9:30 am

Prayer before worship: Hallelujah! Praise to you, O Lord! We thank you that Jesus has risen from death. Today we sing your praises with saints and angels, in heaven and on earth. Fill our hearts with Easter joy through the promise that Jesus saved us. Our sins are forgiven. We have peace with you, Heavenly Father. The gates of heaven stand wide open before us. Allow nothing to hinder our joy or silence our rejoicing. Hear us and accept our worship for the sake of Jesus our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* CW438

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ANTHEM *Awake My Heart with Gladness* Thomas Keesecker

1. *Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;
now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made
when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.
Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done; Awake!*
2. *Now hell, its prince, the devil, of all their pow'r are shorn;
now I am safe from evil, and sin I laugh to scorn.
For Christ again is free; in glorious victory
he who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.*
3. *This is a sight that gladdens what peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.*
4. *Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true;
my Lord will leave me never, whate'er he passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;
he shatter's hell's grim thrall; I follow him through all*

5. *Christ brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,
whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:
“Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown prepared;
who there with me has died shall here be glorified.”
Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done. Awake!*

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FIRST LESSON

Jonah 2:2–9

²He said: “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. ³You 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.

⁴I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ ⁵The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶To 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.

⁷“When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. ⁸Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. ⁹But 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.’ ”

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

PSALM of the DAY *God’s Right Hand and Holy Arm*

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I,

but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

I am alive for ever and ev - er! And I hold the keys of death and Ha - des. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.”

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN of the DAY	<i>Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands</i>	CW439
All	Stanza 1	
Men	Stanza 2	
All	Stanza 3	
Choir	Stanza 4	
Women	Stanza 5	
Choir	Stanza 6	
All	Stanza 7	

SERMON

Matthew 28:1-10

YES, IT'S OPEN!

1. The Tomb is Open for All the World to See
2. The Gates of Heaven are Open That All the World May Enter

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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

PRAYERS *(Traditional)* and BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CW465

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Welcome, Visitors!

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sign our Guest Register.

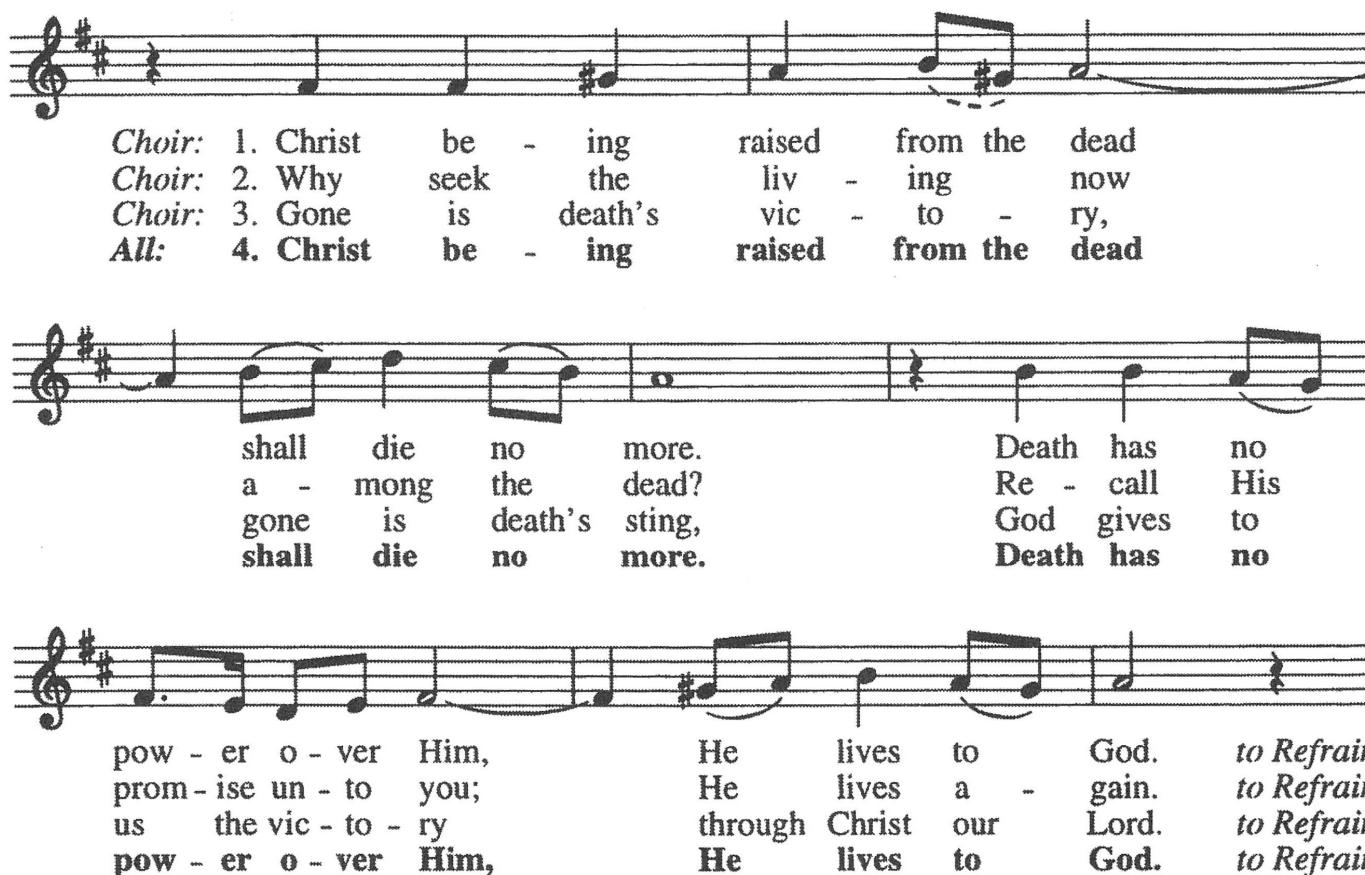


Refrain (Congregation joins after Stanzas 2, 3, and 4)



God's right hand and ho - ly arm have
won the vic - to - ry, God's right hand and
ho - ly arm have won the vic - to - ry.

Stanzas



Choir: 1. Christ be - ing raised from the dead
Choir: 2. Why seek the liv - ing now
Choir: 3. Gone is death's vic - to - ry,
All: 4. Christ be - ing raised from the dead

shall die no more. Death has no
a - mong the dead? Re - call His
gone is death's sting, God gives to
shall die no more. Death has no

pow - er o - ver Him, He lives to God. *to Refrain*
prom - ise un - to you; He lives a - gain. *to Refrain*
us the vic - to - ry through Christ our Lord. *to Refrain*
pow - er o - ver Him, He lives to God. *to Refrain*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	7 & 9:30 am	Easter Sunday Services (NO 11 am Service)
	8 am	Easter Brunch
Mon		Church Office Closed
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Tue	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Wed	8:30 am	Basement Reserved
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Minor Prophets
	4:30 pm	75th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Galatians
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>
Sat	6:30 pm	Worship

† Upcoming Services †

Easter Sunday: 7 & 9:30 am (NO 11 am Service)
Easter Brunch: 8 - 9 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 16	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: How to Use the Power of God
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Apr 17	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	12 pm	OWLS Meeting at St. Paul's Church
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Apr 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Apr 19	7 pm	Choir
Apr 20	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Minor Prophets
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Galatians
Apr 21	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>
Apr 22	8 am	LWMS Spring Rally at St. Paul's, St. James
	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	MLC Concert
Apr 23	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	PreK-K sing
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: How to Use the Power of God
	7 pm	MVL Concert at Bethany College, Mankato
Apr 25	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Apr 26	6 pm	Confirmation Pictures
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Service
	8 pm	Choir

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 483.

Fruits of faith given:

\$17,801	Home Operations ~ <i>\$18,540 is our weekly need</i>		
\$1,283	MVL ~ <i>\$1,214 is our weekly need</i>	\$200	Kitchen Fund
\$1,675	Missions ~ <i>\$1,754 is our weekly need</i>	\$120	K-12 Education Assistance
\$625	Building Fund	\$100	Benevolence Fund
\$500	Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund	\$100	Technology Equipment
\$300	75th Anniversary - Sanctuary Renovation	\$75	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$160	St. Paul's School	\$60	Martin Luther College
\$40	Iris Boxes	\$34	Food & Fellowship

Thank you ~ to all who provided Easter flowers for the altar area! If you intended to take your flowers home, please do so after the 9:30 am service today. Blessed Easter to you all!

2023 Pictorial Directory ~ The 2023 Edition of the St. John's Church Directory is complete and printed. Our members may take one of either size (8x11 or 5x8) per family. They are located in both the back narthex and the new narthex by the windows. If the supply of directories is gone, please fill out a request form indicating size desired and your name—place into J/C Dretske mailbox and I will place a directory in your church mailbox as soon as I am able to print more.

75th Anniversary Meal ~ will be held on Sunday, August 6th at MLC following the 10 am service. The cost of the meal will be \$12.50/person. RSVP information will be coming in May/June. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Iris Boxes ~ The Iris Box Project is a new ministry at St. John's. The Iris Box is designed to be given to families who lost their baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. The items included in the box are intended as a source of comfort and a symbol of our love and care. Members are welcomed and encouraged to pick up a box from the church office for any family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. who experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth. (*A limited number of boxes are currently available. There will be more soon.*) If you would like to support the Iris Box Project, you may donate the amount for a box (approx. \$40/box) or any amount. You may include it in your offering envelope with "Iris Box Project" on the envelope. If you knit or crochet and would like to help by making small blankets, please contact Kelly by phone or email listed below. Yarn will be provided to you. Please contact Kelly Diersen (507-766-9085) or Catherine St. John (248-346-0402) or email irisboxproject@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

Communion Announcement: At St. John's we practice "close communion." That is, we invite only those who are in fellowship with us as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (or of a synod that is in fellowship with us) to commune with us. We are in no way judging your personal faith. But we recognize that in the Lord's Supper we enjoy not only a close communion, or fellowship, with God, but we also enjoy a close communion with one another as we publicly express our agreement in every teaching of God's Word. And we wouldn't presume to ask you to publicly confess your agreement with all that we teach and believe without first being instructed in what it is that we teach and believe. But if you do desire to commune with us, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Registration at St. Paul's School ~ St. Paul's Preschool, New Ulm, now taking applications for the 2023-2024 school year! Visit <https://splnewulm.org/school/preschool/> for more information or to apply. We are excited to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning with your 3,4 or 5 year old!

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, New Ulm on Monday, April 17. Fellowship begins any time after 11:30 am. Participants will feast on a noon potluck meal, followed by a devotion. At about 1 pm, we will drive to the New Ulm Recreation Center for a presentation on "Physical Fitness for Seniors." Plan to attend.

St. Paul's School Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Grade school band program will present its Spring Concert on April 27 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. The Junior Raider Band and Raider Band will perform along with many soloists and small groups including a 9 piece trumpet group and a 6 piece clarinet group. Take some time to come and join us!

MLC Concert ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "The Road Well-Traveled." Many of the melodies on the program are like well-loved friends. And along the way, you'll be introduced to newer voices who may very well become fast friends. The concert is Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 pm in the WCC Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attention MVL Alumni ~ MVL's year-end choir concert will be held at Bethany Lutheran College's Trinity Chapel on April 23rd at 7 pm. We would like to invite any alumni who sang in the choir to come and sing with us again! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mr. Jon Hermanson (jhermanson@mvlhs.org) and he will send you the music to prepare. There will be a brief rehearsal in the chapel before the concert. More information will be shared with participants as the date gets closer. We hope to have many of you join us!

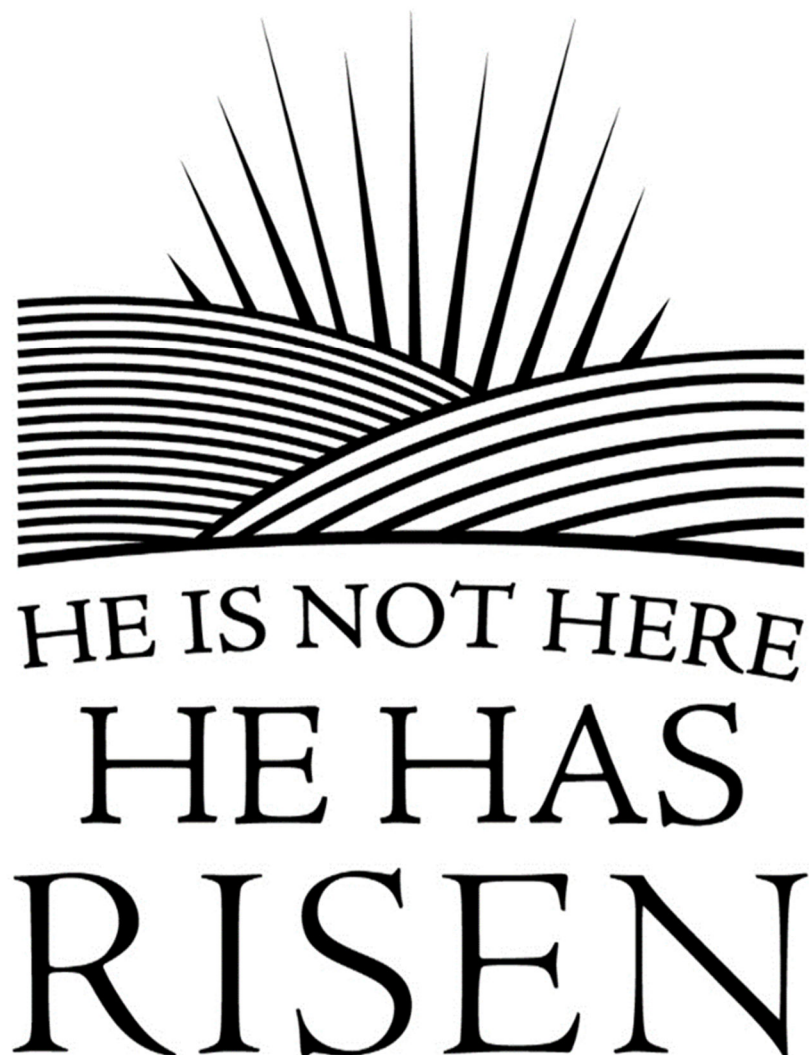
St. Paul's School Dig In Gala ~ The St. Paul's School 2023 Dig In Gala is sure to be a can't miss event, as we celebrate God's gift of our school and Cinco de Mayo all in one amazing night! Casual dress is acceptable for this Gala, and the food, fellowship, and fun will be in large supply. Tickets for the Friday, May 5, event at Concordia Lanes go on sale on Monday, April 3. Come by yourself, a couple, or even reserve a table for 10 by heading to the ticket website: <https://buytickets.at/stpaulsschoolnewulm>. Payment can be made via PayPal through Amy Rich's account or at either St. Paul's Church or School. Ticket deadline is April 28, or when the venue is full. Proceeds will benefit the School Building Project.

MVL Summer Camps ~ Check out the trifold brochure or the poster on the youth board in the new narthex for information. Go to www.mvl.org to register by April 28th.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, is looking for a full-time church secretary. If you are a St. Paul's, WELS, or ELS member interested please pick up a job description and application at St. Paul's.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, is looking for an individual with excellent people skills to fill a part time office professional position. This position would work 1 – 2 days (6 to 12 hours) per week. Responsibilities would include logging weekly congregational member offerings, answering phones, appropriately forwarding emails and being cross trained in bulletin preparation among other duties. Please contact St. Johns at 507-794-6200 with any questions or send a resume to office@stjohnsse.com by April 13th.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for full-time **Custodians**, part-time **Assistant Coaches** in volleyball, football, and basketball, and for a variety of **summer jobs**. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.



Easter Plants

Mark, Amy and Grace Bauer in memory of Myron & Loretta Hanson and Lucille Stadola
Larry and Helen Black in memory of Grace Ann Black
Jason and Delilah Brandes in memory of Carter Brandes
Caroline Carmichael in memory of Gary Carmichael and Christine Carmichael
Glen and Jackie Hieb in memory of Al & Phyllis Finstad and Robert & Delores Hieb
Dan and Kayla Horner in memory of Ellie Stevensen and
Kathy Bruhjell
Bob Johnson in memory of Jean Johnson
Ruth Koelpin in memory of Arnold Koelpin
Jan Lammers in memory of Gordon Lammers
Rich and Marley Kuckhahn in memory of Erna Zahn
Jamie Milbrett in memory of Jean Milbrett
Elver and Kim Niebuhr in memory of Lost Loved Ones
Tim and Sandy Reinke in memory of Whitey & Val Reinke
Sandra Sorheim in memory of Al Sorheim
Jane Spoon in memory of Richard Spoon
Krista Stadick in memory of Katie Rauch
Linda Starke in memory of Harvey & Lorene Starke
The Uher Family in memory of Rev. Kurt & Ruth Eggert and Otto & Alda Uher
Larry and Sue Vogel in memory of Claus & Norma Sieh and Cathy Vogel



About the Cover ~ "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." Thus spoke the angel at the empty tomb of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It says everything. Because in the resurrection of Jesus we know we have through his victory conquered sin, death, and the devil. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!