

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Festival



He Lives to Take Me from Death to Life



HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

N50W35181 Wisconsin Ave.
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066
www.holytrinityels.org

Divine Services:

Thursdays 6:30pm (suspended during Lent)
and Sundays 9:00am

Radio Broadcast:

Sundays 10:00am over WTKM 104.9 FM

PASTOR: Paul Lange
Office: 262-567-2737 ex. 1012
CELL: 419-276-9593

E-MAIL: paul.lange@holytrinityels.org

CHURCH OFFICE

PHONE: 262-567-2737 ex. 1011
E-MAIL: church@holytrinityels.org



LEARNING CENTER

PHONE: 262-567-2737 ex. 1031
E-MAIL:
learning.center@holytrinityels.org



www.els.org

Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

A Parents' Room is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child.

Wheelchair accommodations are found halfway down the rows of pews in the center aisle of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible spaces for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.



EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Opening Hymn • *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

[ELH 352]

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
 Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
 Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
 Unto Christ, our heav’nly King, Alleluia!
 Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. But the pains which He endured,
 Alleluia!
 Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
 Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia!
 Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p>4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</p> |
|--|--|

-Stand-

Invocation

☞ *In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.*

☒ **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

☞ *Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

☒ **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.**

☞ *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.*

☒ **Amen.**

An Easter Dialogue

P *Christ is risen!*

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

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

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

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

P *Death has been swallowed up in victory.*

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

P *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.*

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

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

C **And those who live and believe in him will never die.**

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

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

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

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

P *Why do you look for the living among the dead?*

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

P *This is the day the Lord has made.*

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

P *Christ is risen!*

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn • “This Is the Feast of Victory”

[CW93 265]

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



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



- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



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

Prayer of the Day

P *The Lord be with you.*

A **And also with you.**

P *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.

A **Amen.**

-Be seated-

First Reading • *Jonah 2:2-9*

Jesus compared himself to the Old Testament prophet who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.

He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out,
and you heard my voice.

³You threw me into the depths,
into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

⁴I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

⁵Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me.

Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

⁷When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

⁸Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

⁹But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!

📖 *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn • *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”*

[ELH 351]

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1. 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.</p> | <p>7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.</p> | <p>8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
O the sweet joy this sentence gives:
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”</p> |

Second Reading • *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

| Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. |

Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁴that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

☐ *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🎵 **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn • “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

[CWS 720, sts. 1-4]



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong
 2 No son of man could con - quer
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful



bands For our of - fens - es giv -
 death, Such ru - in sin had wrought
 down, His peo - ple to de - liv -
 strife When life and death con - tend -



en; But now at God's right hand he
 us. No in - no - cence was found on
 er; De - stroy - ing sin, he took the
 ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands And brings us life from heav -
 earth, And there - fore death had brought
 crown From death's pale brow for - ev -
 life; The reign of death was end -



en. There - fore let us joy - ful be
 us In - to bond - age from of old
 er. Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;
 ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says



And sing - to God right thank - ful -
 And ev - er grew more strong and
 An emp - ty form a - lone re -
 That death is swal - lowed up by



ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -
 bold And held us as its cap -
 mains; Its sting is lost for - ev -
 death. Its sting is lost for - ev -



ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tive. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 1:18

☐ *Alleluia. I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell. Alleluia.*



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

Gospel • *Matthew 28:1-10*

| The account of Christ's Easter victory. |

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

📖 *The Gospel of our Lord.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 shall 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.

Hymn • “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

[CWS 720, sts. 5-6]

5. Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it, death passes o’er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the Joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon • Matthew 28:1-10**A Garden of Glory****Offering**

-Stand-

Prayer of the Church

☞ *O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.*

☞ **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

☞ *In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.*

☞ **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

☞ *Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:*

☞ **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

☞ *Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.*

☞ **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

☞ *Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life. Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.*

(Silent Prayer)

☞ *Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:*

☑ **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.**

-Be seated-

Hymn • “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

[CW93 154]

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

**1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the King of crea-tion. *Refrain***

**3. We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall li-ve forev-er. *Refrain***

**2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has ri-sen. *Refrain***

**4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift:
Li-fe eternal for all who believe. *Refrain***

**5. Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Sa-vior. *Refrain***

-Stand-

Prayer

☞ *Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

☞ **Amen.**

Benediction

☞ *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.**

☞ *Christ is risen!*

☞ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

[CW93 143]

1. **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.**
2. **The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
3. **But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

- 4. 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.**
- 5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.**

Acknowledgments:

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) © 2017 Wartburg Project, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Hymns marked ELH and liturgy are from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary © 1996 Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Mankato, Minnesota. Used by permission.

The following are reprinted and livestreamed with permission under One License A-739280. All rights reserved:

This is the Feast of Victory. Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–1980, © 1978, Lutheran Book of Worship. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress. Music © 1975, Richard Hillert. All rights reserved. Exclusive agent: OCP.

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands #35085. Music - ©2005 Northwestern Publishing House. Contributors: Kermit G. Moldenhauer.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks. Music - ©1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Contributors: Bruce R Backer.

He's Risen He's Risen - translation #53867 Words - ©1941 Concordia Publishing House.

Cover Art: pixabay.com.