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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD APRIL 24, 2011

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

*Anthem: "Hallelujah Chorus" Adult Choir 9:30am*

WELCOME

**HYMN: #199 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"**

INVOCATION

**EASTER DECLARATION:** *(Portions from 1 Corinthians 15)*

P. The word and promise of Scripture has been accomplished.  
C. DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY!  
P. Where O Death is your sting? The sting of Death is sin;  
C. BUT THANKS BE TO GOD! HE GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!  
P. Christ is risen!  
C. HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA! AMEN.

ANTHEM: *"He is Risen"* Adult Choir 9:30am

**EASTER ADORATION:** *(Text adapted from St. Augustine)*

P. Jesus, O blessed Alleluia of heaven!  
C. BECAUSE OF YOU WE LIVE IN HOPE.  
P. Up above,  
C. PRAISE TO THE LORD OUR GOD!  
P. And here below,  
C. PRAISE TO THE LORD OUR GOD!  
P. Praise mingled with fear here,  
C. BUT WITHOUT DISTURBANCE ABOVE.  
P. Here we who sing must die,  
C. BUT THERE WE WILL LIVE FOREVER.  
P. Here we sing in hope,  
C. BUT THERE WE SING IN POSSESSION.  
P. Here we sing "Alleluia" as we travel,  
C. BUT THERE IT IS "ALLELUIA" ON ARRIVING HOME. AMEN.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Selected verses of Psalm 118)*

P. This is the day the Lord has made;  
C. LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!  
P. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;  
C. HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.  
P. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous;  
C. "THE LORD'S HAND HAS DONE MIGHTY THINGS!"  
P. I will not die but live,  
C. AND WILL PROCLAIM WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR ME.

**SONG: "In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sins' curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism  
35 but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. 36 You know the  
message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee  
after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy  
Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the  
power of the devil, because God was with him. 39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in  
the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, 40 but  
God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen  
by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank  
with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to  
testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the  
prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins  
through his name."

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ  
is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3  
For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life,  
appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**CONFESSION OF EASTER FAITH:** *(Spoken together)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. His sovereign power has  
raised His Son from the dead and His eternal love has given us eternal life. He is indeed the  
Father Almighty!

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
come to earth as a human, born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered and died and went down to  
hell, announcing His victory as Almighty God over the evil one; the battle was over, and on  
the third day He rose from the dead and is alive!

I believe this by the power of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who calls, gathers, and  
enlightens us and the whole Christian church on earth. By His guidance and through His life  
giving Word we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set  
before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne  
of God.

I believe Jesus will come again and take those who believe in Him home to live with Him  
forever. This is the message of Easter! This is the foundation of our faith. This we believe and  
confess with our lips and our lives. Alleluia! Amen.

**SONGS: "Worship Christ, the Risen King"**

**All:** Rise, O Church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell. Sing as all the  
earth rejoices; Resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship  
Christ, the Risen King!

**Women:** We acclaim Your life, O Jesus, Now we sing Your victory;

**Men:** Sin or hell may seek to seize us, But Your conquest keeps us free.

**All:** Stand in triumph, Stand in triumph, Worship Christ, the Risen King!

**"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

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!

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!

*Choir:* Alleluia!

**SERMON: Matthew 28:1-10 "Is Your Easter Filled with Fear?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation  
on God's Word)*

**OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)*

Anthem: "He is Risen" Adult Choir 6:30am

**PRAYERS**

**PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

- P. Since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- C. IT IS PROPER THAT WE EXAMINE OURSELVES AS GOD'S WORD TELLS US TO DO.
- P. For this Sacrament has been started by our Lord for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- C. BUT IF WE EXAMINE OURSELVES, WE WILL FIND NOTHING IN US BUT SIN AND DEATH, FROM WHICH WE CANNOT SET OURSELVES FREE.
- P. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on himself our nature,
- C. THAT HE MIGHT FULFILL FOR US THE WHOLE WILL AND LAW OF GOD, AND FOR OUR DELIVERANCE SUFFER DEATH AND ALL THAT WE BY OUR SINS HAVE DESERVED.
- P. That we should confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to his holy will,
- C. HE HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF HIS SUPPER, IN WHICH HE FEEDS US WITH HIS BODY AND GIVE US TO DRINK OF HIS BLOOD.
- P. Therefore whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ,
- C. DWELLS IN CHRIST, AND CHRIST IN HIM, AND HAS ETERNAL LIFE.

**CONFESSION:** *(Spoken together)*

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SONG:** *“All Heaven Declares”*

All heav’n declares, the glory of the risen Lord. Who can compare, with the beauty of the Lord? Forever he will be, the Lamb upon the throne. I gladly bow the knee, and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim, the glory of the risen Lord, Who once was slain, to reconcile man to God. Forever You will be, the Lamb upon the throne. I gladly bow the knee, and worship You alone.

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*THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION:* *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

*NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE:* *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*(Continuous Line Communion – please approach the altar to receive Communion by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle.)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*#198 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord”*

*#200 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

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.

**BLESSING:** *(From Hebrews 13)*

P. May the God of peace,

C. WHO THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS, THAT GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP,

P. Equip you with everything good for doing his will,

C. AND MAY HE WORK IN US WHAT IS PLEASING TO HIM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, TO WHOM BE GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

ANTHEM: "Hallelujah Chorus" Adult Choir 6:30am

**HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LW #126) 9:30am**

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing, Praise to our victorious king, Who has washed us in the tide, Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!
  2. Praise we him, whose love divine, Gives his sacred blood for wine, Gives his body for the feast - Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
  4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love, Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
  7. Easter Triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
  8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF MAY:  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 Service



**Matthew 28:1-10**

**"Is Your Easter Filled with Fear?"**

*1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There 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. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then 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." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

1. What seemed to fill the first Easter?
2. What are some of the fears that fill us as human beings?
3. Why doesn't it really matter if our fears are big or small?
4. Into the midst of our lives filled with fear Jesus says, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Why don't a friend's words telling us, "Everything will be ok" really take our fears away?
6. What does Jesus' resurrection from the dead prove to us?
7. Why are we celebrating this Easter day?
8. Why is Jesus able to be with us today?
9. What comfort do we get knowing Jesus successfully took the curse of our sin away, conquered death, and defeated the devil?



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