

“He Is Not Here”

Opening Hymn: #157 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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!

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!

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!

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!

Invocation

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee:

**The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful
men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.**

He has risen, just as he said.

He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

All: (sing) From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW:250)

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-24

The LORD is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory

resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

The LORD's right hand is lifted high!"

I will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD

through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected

has become the capstone;

the LORD has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: (sing) Eternal are your mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends your Word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW:250)

Prayer

P: 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 Christ through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: #152 (1-4) "I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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!

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.

3 He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

Old Testament: Job 19:23-27

²³Oh how I wish that my words were written down.

Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,

²⁴that they would be engraved in rock forever

with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.

²⁵As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.

²⁶Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,

nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.

²⁷I myself will see him.

My own eyes will see him,

and not as a stranger.

My emotions are in turmoil within me.

Hymn: #152 (5-8) "I Know that My Redeemer Lives

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

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 my safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Epistle: I Corinthians 15:12-21

¹²Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too. ¹⁵Then we are even guilty of giving false testimony about God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise, if it were true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ perished. ¹⁹If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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.

Hymn: #143 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

**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.**

Sermon Text: Matthew 28:1-7

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."

"He Is Not Here"

I. He has risen from the dead

II. He has risen just as he said

III. He has risen and gone ahead

Our Response to God's Word

**All: (sing) 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.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church for Easter

P: 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.

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

P: In your compassion you sent your Son, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life and took it up again to rescue the lost.

C: You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

P: 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:

C: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth, and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise."

P: 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.

C: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news...who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

C: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

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

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #752 "In Christ Alone"

**1 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.**

**2 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
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

3 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
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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

Prayer

P: Almighty God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that the good news that our Lord is alive forever and ever may dispel our loneliness, drive away our fears, and fill us with the joy of knowing that we too, are forever and ever alive, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #166 "The Day of Resurrection"

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.

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Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew's!
May the Easter angel's message "He is not here" fill us with the joy of knowing that Jesus has risen from the dead just as he said and has gone ahead of us to heaven where we will see him.
If you are visiting our service, please sign a "care card" in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.
Attendance Last Week —258 (93/165) Bible Classes – 35
Offering Last Week—\$11,444.06 Sunday School— 10
(Meeting our 2021 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$13,600.00)
*"You have made known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand"*
Psalm 16:11.

Announcements:

1. **Thank You** Thank you to all who helped out with our special Holy Week services. To our organists and instrumentalists, to our ushers and altar guild members, to all who contribute and those who count offerings, to our secretary who puts all the service folders together, and to all who attended our special services...a sincere thank you for the gift of your time and talents, your treasures, your abilities and energy. *"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" II Corinthians 9:12.*

2. **Bible Class** Sunday morning Bible class will resume next Sunday. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. We continue to study the Bible book by book. Next Sunday we will continue looking at the book of Leviticus. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”
3. **Thursday Evening Services** Our Thursday evening services will resume this Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.
4. **Miss Moeller’s Call** We would like to inform the congregation that Miss Meredith Moeller has received a Call to Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Omaha, Nebraska to teach grades 3 and 4, coordinate school music, direct choir and play organ. Please provide encouragement and keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where the Lord wants her to serve in the future.
5. **Evening Guild Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, April 5th, at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendar. We are continuing the study of Parables and will have a short meeting to discuss the rest of the year and what it will look like. We need your comments and concerns.
6. **Men’s Softball** Janesville is having softball leagues again this summer! Any guys (18 and over) interested in playing for our St. Matthew’s team in a 10-week Monday night church league should sign up on the narthex bulletin board. The games are played at Dawson Fields. Games begin June 7th and the cost is \$25/player. If you have questions, talk to or call Craig Sonntag (608) 322-7995.
7. **LWMS Save the Date:** The LWMS Spring rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 at St. Mark’s in Watertown. The schedule for the ½ day rally includes registration and morning refreshments from 8-9 a.m.; devotion, mission presentation and business meeting from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and lunch (per Covid guidelines) at 12:30 p.m. The featured guest speaker will be Ruth Schmitzer, who will be speaking on Nepal and our WELS mission work there. Please consider attending the rally to learn more about this ministry in WELS! We will need to RSVP a head count to the ladies at St. Mark’s, so please either sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or call Ann Janke (608) 563-4383 by Sunday, April 11.

8. **LWMS Mission Offerings** – Mission offerings can be given to Ann Janke at church or mailed to Ann. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew’s Evening Guild. They need to be sent to our Rock River circuit treasurer by April 13, so please have your mission offering to Ann also by April 11. The mission projects that were voted on by the circuit at the fall rally to contribute to at this time are India Children’s Homes (World) and Vans for Missions (Home). Please continue to pray for the spread of the Gospel through our WELS missionaries and mission opportunities!
9. **Preschool Registration** We will be accepting preschool enrollment forms for the coming school year. Our program for 3 year olds will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (Wednesday optional) from 8:00 – 11:15 a.m. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1st. Our 4 year olds will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 11:15 a.m. Children registering for this class must be 4 years old by September 1st. We would like you to get the applications in by **May 21** so a spot can be reserved for you. We will again offer “Afternoon Care for Preschoolers.” The purpose of this program is to provide care for the child after preschool is over. This care will be provided on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until 3:00. Parents have the option of choosing from one to three days. After that time, the students will go to the library for our After School Care program. If you have any questions about our preschool or would like an enrollment form, please contact Mr. Proeber or Mrs. Sonntag.
10. **School Newsletter** the April school newsletter is on the counter in the Narthex. Please take one if you wish.
11. **Volunteer Needed** to haul yard waste, leaves etc. on a regular basis to the sanitary landfill. Call Kathi Hendee at (779) 348-6394.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Richard Stout, Nathan Stout, Evan Burnside
10:30 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

Assisting with Worship (continued)

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain

10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, Paul Johnson, Mike Hay, Jason Carlson

CODS:

8:00 a.m. – Brian Becker

10:30 a.m. – Nick Schmitt

Next Week CODS:

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Rory Groomwald

8:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

10:30 a.m. – Tom Timmermann

Church Cleaning:

April 3, 2021 – Dale Beutin & Theresa Biel families

April 10, 2021 – Michael Borchardt & Dale Brooks families

St. Matthew's Bible Classes

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Bible Class resumes Sunday, April 11, 2021.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School resumes Sunday, April 11, 2021.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

"A Woman After God's Own Heart"

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

"Full Accessories of God"

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

"Book Through the Bible: Leviticus"

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

"Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene"

This Week at St. Matthew's

Easter Sunday

Festival Services

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

No Sunday School or

Bible Class

Monday

Evening Guild Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Public School Confirmation

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Worship with Lord's Supper

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School Teacher's

Meeting 11:45 a.m.



*We Thank The Many Who
Beautified Our Easter Worship
With Flowers*



Dale & Lynn Beutin in memory of Nicholas & Betty Pucher,

Donald & Marjorie Beutin, Erwin & Esther Beutin

Bev Boughton in memory of her sister Linda Henkel

Nathan & Karen Crawford

James & Shirley Daley in memory of their parents

Karin Delong-Eichman

George & Jan Ehlers in memory of their son Joshua & their parents

Bill & Lois Forbes in memory of their parents

Beverly Gasner

Scott & Kathi Hendee in memory of their parents

*Pastor & Ann Janke in thanksgiving to the Lord
for our Christian parents*

Karl & Kristine Kroening

John & Joanne May in memory of Joanne's father Thomas Gohlke

*Tom & Jessica May in memory of Jerry Nowak, our grandparents, and
family members in heaven*



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*McIlvain Family in memory of Wayne & Joyce Rohloff &
Alberta Morehead*

Jean Muche in memory of her husband Vern Muche

Tim & Susan Probst in memory of Betty & Bud Probst

*Penny Pucher in memory of Elma & Malin Pucher and the Pucher
and Mattila families*

*Steve & Lori Sage in memory of Raymond & Evelyn Wendt,
& Georgia Wendt.*

*Trevor & Elizabeth Sanchez in memory of their fathers
Larry Kasberger & David Sanchez*

Tom & Karin Timmermann in memory of Karin's father Arnold Crass

Tom & Resa Truppe in memory of their parents

*Jerry & Sally Wellnitz in memory of Frank & Margaret Wellnitz &
Otto & Ethel Schoenfeld*

*Bob & Linda Williams in memory of their brother-in-law Joe Scaffido &
their Aunt Evelyn Williams*

Roger & Dawn Winter



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