

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota
(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)
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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME! *“O Lord, be my help. You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.” (Psalm 30:10-11)* Welcome to all in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! Let us worship him, who has conquered death for us! If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book.

Today's Theme: “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!”

Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship: With hearts full of joy, offer thanks and praise to our Savior, Jesus Christ for he has risen in glory. In his triumph, he has won for you the victory over sin, death and the devil.

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

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WE PREACH CHRIST *CRUCIFIED*

A Living Hope

PRESERVICE: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Order of Service

OPENING HYMN: 157 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

STAND

M: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious. By his resurrection, Christ has completed the work of salvation. He has removed the guilt of all your sins; his name is worthy of praise.

HYMN: 159 “Morning Breaks upon the Tomb”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

Sunday School: “Let Us Sing for Joy”

First Lesson Exodus 15:1-11 (Pew Bible p. 105)

Choir: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12 (Pew Bible p. 1591)

HYMN: 142 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

SERMON 1 Peter 1:3-9 (Pew Bible p. 1826)

“We Have A Living Hope”

1. Hope in a certified and secure inheritance
2. A hope hidden under cross and trial

OFFERING (Music Offering: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”)

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

Preface verses – (Page 33 of the Hymnal)

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus - Page 34 of the Hymnal)

Words of Institution

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei - Page 35 of the Hymnal)

Distribution Hymns: 152 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives
313 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

Thank The Lord – (Page 36 of the Hymnal)

PRAYER

C: Amen. (sung)

BLESSING

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung)

CLOSING HYMN: 162 “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

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Organist: Christy Ittel

Trumpets: Justin, Tyler & Stephanie Koepf

Violin: Becky Litzau

Flute: Jennifer Litzau

Soloist: Becky Litzau

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

At worship, Sunday, March 28th : 111

Maundy Thursday worship: 101

Good Friday worship: 73

Attendance at Weekly Bible Studies: 4

Monthly offerings as of Mar. 28th: General Fund: \$5,335.50

Missions: \$2,526.25 Building: \$1,176.00

THE LORD'S SUPPER: *We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. All those planning to partake, please review the information about the Lord's Supper printed on the laminated sheet in the hymnal racks or pews in the balcony.*

THANK YOU *to the members of the congregation who donated Easter lilies and flowers to beautify our church this morning!*

DOOR COLLECTION: *Today, we will have a door collection for our Fellowship/Outreach Fund. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.*

LADIES AID INVITES EVERYONE *to join them for a special presentation on Monday, April 5th at 6:30pm. Members of the mission team from First Lutheran Church in Glencoe will be here to share ministry experiences from their trip to Uganda, Africa. Some of the members on this trip were Barb and Emily Tessmer, daughter and granddaughter of Elvera Brelje, and Jon Mackenthun, brother of Laurie Litzau. We look forward to seeing you there!*

YOUTH GROUP *and their parents are reminded that we will be meeting on Monday, April 12th at 6:30pm to discuss more convenient meeting dates/times, possibly doing another fundraiser and scheduling a date for ditch clean-up.*

THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Sunday	6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Worship
	7:15-8:30am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 am	Easter Worship w/ Communion
Monday	6:30 pm	Ladies Aid
	6:35 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	8:00 am	Table Talk (Sermon Text)
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Easter Praise Worship- Millie Beneke
	3:45 pm	Jr. Catechism
	4:45 pm	Sr. Catechism
	6:30 pm	Chimes
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	6:30 pm	Jesus Cares Ministry
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:20 am	Bible Class

THE COBORN'S COOKOUT will be held Friday, April 16th thru Sunday, April 18th. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone willing to give a helping hand. If you have any questions, you may speak with Laurie Litzau.

NEWSLETTERS for the month of April are available. Please stop and pick yours up today.

CATECHISM parents and children are reminded that class times have now changed back to our regular schedule.

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: We continue our sermon series Jesus' 8 "I Am" statements through the end of April. Here is the schedule for the coming weeks:

April 11th: "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

April 18th: Mission Sunday

April 25th: "I Am the Good Shepherd"

SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE: *Let's be honest. Death is a tough issue to face! Whether it's your own death or the death of a dear family member or friend, it is a heart-wrenching and soul-searching issue to handle. O what a blessed Savior we have! He gives us the solution to the problem of death so that we can make it safely to eternal life. Come next week to learn more about it. In preparation read John 11:11-27.*

¹¹After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

¹²His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead," ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus Comforts the Sisters

¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."