

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

### SUNRISE PRAISE

APRIL 4, 2010

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**WELCOME!** *"I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. . . . This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:17, 24) *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 and you are welcome to call Pastor Reichow if you would like to know more about our church.*

**Theme:** "Christ's Resurrection Guarantees Our Resurrection"

**Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship:** The day of Easter shines with glory in our lives. Thank the Lord that through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus, we too can be confident he will raise our bodies to glory everlasting.

### SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

**OPENING HYMN:** 149 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*STAND*

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

**M:** We celebrate this festival day in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Upon the hill the cross stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb.

**C:** Christ is risen, Alleluia!

**M:** Within us, new life is awakened. God has given new hope to a dying world.

**C:** Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Amen!

**M:** Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things.

**C:** The Lord has made his salvation known; he has revealed his righteousness to the nations. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Sing joyfully before the Lord, the King. He will rule the world in righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**HYMN:** 159 "Morning Breaks upon the Tomb"

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day to shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**Lesson** Isaiah 12:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 1047)

**HYMN:** 152 v. 1-3 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

**Lesson** John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible p. 1633)

**HYMN:** 152 v. 4-6

**Lesson** Matthew 28:1-15 (Pew Bible p. 1501)

**HYMN:** 152 v. 7-8

**Lesson** Mark 16:1-16 (Pew Bible p. 1535)

**HYMN: 166** “The Day of Resurrection”

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

**HYMN: 143 v. 1-3** “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

**Lesson**               **1 Corinthians 15:16-26 (Pew Bible p. 1733)**

**HYMN: 143 v. 4-5** “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

**Lesson**               **1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (Pew Bible p. 1733)**

**HYMN: 153** “Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

**OFFERING**

*STAND*

**PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.** (Sung)

**CLOSING HYMN: 341 v. 1-3** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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**Organist: Deb Buske**

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

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** *You’re invited to join us for breakfast this morning in the church basement immediately following our worship service.*

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