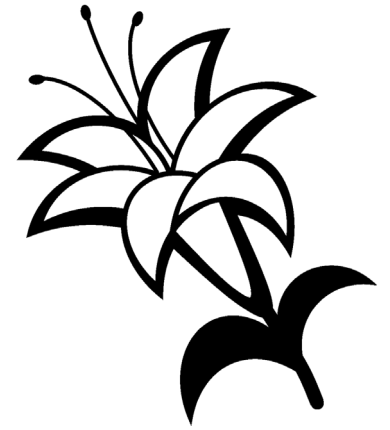


Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of Our Lord — Easter Day (Year C)

Those who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning were met by angels who proclaimed that Jesus was alive. At first the scene was one of surprise and panic: Jesus' friends were shocked that his body was missing. The angels helped the disciples think back on all that Jesus had told them while he was with them: that he would be crucified and be raised to new life on the third day. This was that day!



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

A New Heaven and Earth

When the Messiah comes, everything will be made new again, spoke the Lord through the prophet Isaiah. A new heaven and a new earth will be the result of God's work among humanity. Weeping and distress will be no more as joy replaces sorrow among God's precious people.

Psalms 16

I Have No Good Apart from the Lord

The psalmist sang praises to the Lord, recognizing that without him nothing good could come. The Lord holds the songwriter's future in His hands. Those who chase after false gods will see nothing but trouble.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Our Hope is in Christ

In the face of questions about the truth of Christ's resurrection from the dead, Paul explained that through one human being (Adam), all humans were subjected to death through sin, but through one human being (Jesus), all humans will share in new life through the resurrection of the dead. Jesus was the "firstfruits" of those who have died; his death was the sacrificial gift given to all who believe.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

The First Day of the Week

Three days after Jesus' horrific death, some of his friends came to the tomb to anoint his body for burial. The stone that sealed the tomb was rolled away. Jesus' body was missing. Some angels met the visitors with the good news of Jesus' resurrection life and recalled to them the Lord's own words about his death and resurrection.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: White
- Use the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise in the Easter season.
- Use the Nicene Creed during this festival season.
- If you need an Easter morning skit, there are five available on the Easter Seasonal page of SOWeR. Each one is about 10 minutes long and can be acted out by youth.
- Talk with kids about how Jesus' death put a death to sin. Ask them to list the sinful ways in which humans act against one another: hatred, bullying, stealing, disrespect and more. Jesus' death put to death those things! All sin was nailed to the cross with Christ. Through him we are freed from sin and death.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands	134	---	458	370	157	157
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	210	---	633	362	150	150
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds	143	---	465	367	159	159
Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun	269	---	868	557	60	60
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain	132	---	487	363	155	155
Easter Morrow Stills Our Sorrow	---	---	---	---	162	162
Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today	151	---	457	365	---	---
Thine is the Glory	145	---	---	376	161	161
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	352	---	461	619	274	274
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks...	---	671	---	---	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Resurrection
(CCLI# 7050681)
Jesus, the Resurrection
(CCLI# 2774501)
Celebrate Jesus
(CCLI# 16859)
My Redeemer Lives
(CCLI# 2397964)
Praise the King
(CCLI# 7032344)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.