The background of the image is a photograph of a mountain range. The mountains are covered in dense green forest and are silhouetted against a sky filled with large, billowing clouds. The sky is lit with warm, golden light from the sun, which is partially obscured by the clouds, creating a dramatic and atmospheric scene. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

I know
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I Know That My Redeemer Lives

To say Christ died is history.

To say Christ died for sinners is theology.

To say Christ died for me is salvation.

Adult Choir Anthem

“Our Joy Comes in the Morning”

Please stand

OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus has triumphed over our sin, the Devil, and the grave. He has risen to life and now rules over all things in glory and majesty. As his disciples, subjects and friends, let us use this day and this hour to thank and worship him. We begin by lifting all our failures to him, so that he might cleanse us.

CONFESSION

P: Holy and righteous God, you have commanded us to be perfect in our lives — to trust you above all things, even our own mind; to love others and look out for their interests, even ahead of our own interests; to think without selfishness; to live without anger; to plan without greed. We cannot claim to be perfect, for we have all sinned. Our conscience condemns us, and your law convicts us. We deserve grief and shame and have earned your anger and punishment.

C: **Lord, have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.**

P: God, our Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are saved from the curse of sin and completely forgiven! By the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, death and hell have no power over you! Go and sin no more.

C: **Thank you, Lord, for your free and undeserved love.**

P: Having repented of our sins, we now rejoice in our forgiveness!

C: **Alleluia!**

P: Acknowledging our weakness, we now rejoice in our Lord's strength and salvation!

C: **Alleluia!**

P: Wanting a strong, undoubting faith, we now look to the certainty of God's love — Jesus Christ.

C: **Alleluia!**

P: Christ is risen.

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

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN # 157

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save,
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 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.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

"Risen Today"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A RESPONSIVE READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-22 (NIV)

P: But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

C: **And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.**

P: But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

C: **Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.**

P: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

C: **The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

P: For since death came through a man,

C: **The resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.**

P: For as in Adam all die,

C: **So in Christ all will be made alive.**

Choir Anthem

“On the Third Day”

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-11 (NIV)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

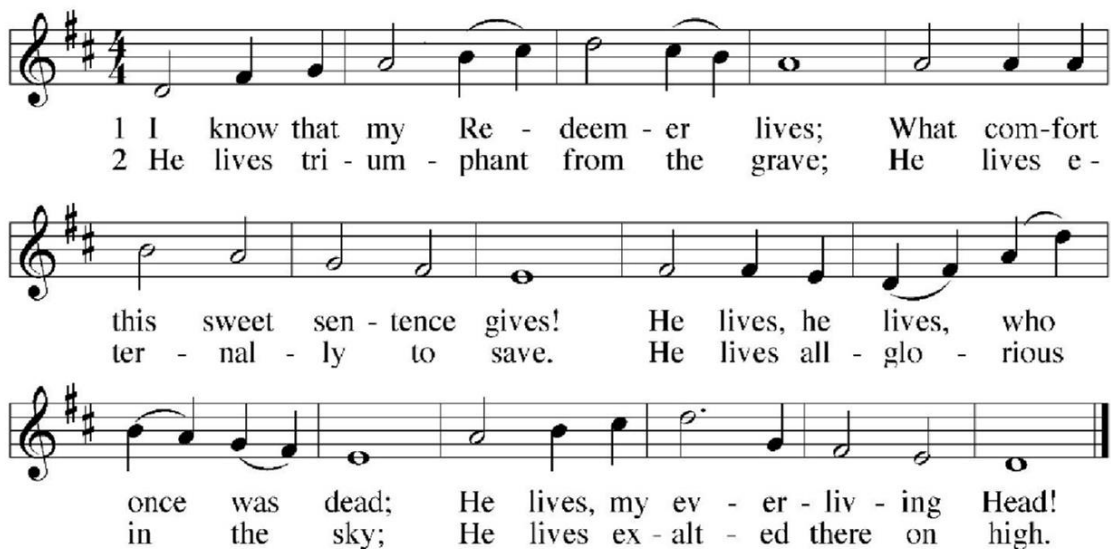
⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



Please be seated

HYMN #152 vs. 1-2, 7-8

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

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 me 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!”

SERMON

Job 19:23–27 (NIV)

I KNOW

²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Please stand

SERMON RESPONSE

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

(Tune: Hymn to Joy - CW 169)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior For the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead
Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal, On this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise,
We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please take this time to fill out the Connect Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher at the end of the service.

Please stand

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you for the mercy you have shown us through His glorious resurrection. Help all to be faithful unto death that they may receive the crown of life.
- C:** **Fill all who hear the Easter Gospel this morning with the joy of the resurrection, that they may walk in the newness of life in Christ.**
- P:** Almighty God, as Your Son on this day rose from the dead for us, victorious over sin and the grave, grant that sin may no longer live in our hearts. By the power of His resurrection set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. Grant that in Christ's resurrection we may conquer sin and find strength to resist the devil's temptations.
- C:** **Give us a living hope and a lively faith that death may have no more power over us.**

P: Rule over the nations of the earth, O Lord, that they may join the hosts of heaven in songs of Christ's victorious triumph. Bless and preserve our President and Congress, and all those who govern us in our nation, state, and town, that justice and peace may prevail. Watch over the members of our armed forces as they protect our nation from harm and evil. Grant peace to both soldiers and their families as they spend these holy days apart from each other.

C: **Grant comfort to those whose sons and daughters have been killed in conflict, and sustain the civilians who have been injured or mourn the death of loved ones.**

P: In every adversity and trial preserve us. Heal the sick, according to your wisdom and will, giving them the hope of a glorious body in the resurrection of the dead. In the promise of Easter take from the dying the fear of death. And to those who mourn, grant comfort in knowing that those who fall asleep in Jesus shall live eternally. Bestow Your gracious favor on our homes and families and bless them with Easter's joy and consolation.

C: **Defend the weak and vulnerable, especially the unborn, the aged, those who are hungry, homeless, unemployed, and those who are struggling under the load of troubles and trials.**

P: We give thanks for all those who have died and now live with Christ in the triumph of Easter, especially all our faithful departed loved ones.

C: **Unite us with them in the hope of the resurrection of the dead.**

Special prayers may follow

P: Hear us, O Father, for the sake of Him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. It is in his name that we bring this and every prayer to you, just as he taught...

All: **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.**

Please be seated



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest his might did show.
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

THE LORD'S BLESSING

P: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God's people say, "AMEN!"

C: AMEN!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

Please be seated

HYMN # 265

"This Is the Feast"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

Final Refrain



Happy Easter!

All of St. John's called-workers, your pastors (David Brandt and Paul Schupmann), teachers (Richard Cody, Suzi Colantonio, Nikki Gunst, Mike Krebs, Matt Lober, Edna Noldan, Crystal Schultz, Rebecca Zellmer) and their families, pray that you all enjoy this glorious day, spent in the peace of a risen Savior, and in the company of dear friends and family!

Pastor: Paul Schupmann

Organist: Ruth Affeld

Brass Choir: Tori Lober, Rick Leissring,
Dennis Affeld, Beth Guenther, Randy
Mohr, Mason Braun, Matthew Lober

Adult Choir Director: Matthew Lober

St. John's School: K-8 (Last name P-Z)

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Mrs. Noldan is Retiring! A Breakfast Brunch is being planned for **Sunday, April 28** to say THANK-YOU to Mr. and Mrs. Noldan for their service here at St. John's Lutheran Church and School. A brunch and short program will be held beginning at 9:15 A.M. Please come and help us give our thanks and appreciation for their faithful service in God's earthly kingdom. **How can I help? Please bring a dish to share by 9 AM (egg bake, muffins, sweet rolls, fruit, potato dishes or other warm dishes) or help with serving or cleanup. If you can assist, please contact school at 920-386-4644.**

Cindy Roberts & Family
Mel Saeger
Wayne & Diane Braunschweig,
Connor, Chase & Callie
Betty Schultz
Bob & Jan Henken
Barb, Paul, & Phill Lepple
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Pat & Diane Buhr

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Rosie Zank

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Genny Koch
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The Zimmerman Family

In Loving Memory of Randy Roberts
In Memory of Mary Ann, Kevin & Kenan
In Memory of Michelle Braunschweig
In Memory of my husband Robert & son Jeff
Easter
In Memory of John Lepple
Loved Ones
In Memory of loved ones
In Memory of Robert Schultz, Jeff Schultz, Caroline Gartin,
Lawrence and ArLiss Buhr
In Memory of Glen Kjornes
In Memory of loved ones, Ron Zank,
Joanne Voss, Alex & Lydia Rupnow
In Memory of Harold Rupnow
Christ Is Risen
In Memory of Loved Ones
In Memory of Ewald & Alice Lisko
In Memory of Bob Selchert
In Memory of my dad, Gene Schenck
In Memory of loved ones
In Memory of Harold and Sharleen Winter
In Memory of Barb
In Memory of Lawrence Wolfram
In Memory of Dad & Grandparents
Easter Joy
In Memory of Stacy Goldburg
He Is Risen!
In Memory of loved ones
In Memory of Lewis & LoVilla Pitzlin
Loved ones
In Memory of Ron Zank, Clarence Soldner, Josie Voss
In Memory of our parents and our son, Matthew D. Schultz
Easter Joy

Easter Lily
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