

# Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

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Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

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## The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018



*Organ Prelude: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"*

*Hymn 199: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today! Alleluia!"*

*Opening Liturgy – Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 15ff.*

*Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

*Hymn 201: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!"*

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8*

*The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)*

*Hymn 195: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (Luther 1524)*

*The Sermon: A Special Epistle Text: Romans 4:25*

*Theme: Christ Was Raised for Our Justification!*

*I. His satisfaction of divine justice was all-sufficient for our redemption;*

*II. His Father accepted it in eternity for the reconciliation of the world.*

*Offertory: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" (from Händel's "Messiah")*

*The Easter Prayer*

*Hymn 207: "Like the Golden Sun Ascending!"*

*Communion Exhortation and Prayer for the Communicants*

*Communion Liturgy – Hymnal, p. 24ff.*

**NOTE:** We observe the Scriptural practice of **Close Communion**, namely, that since the Holy Supper is intended only for true believers who repent of their sins and cling alone to the merits of Christ for salvation, for those who sincerely intend to amend their sinful lives in evidence of their faith, and for those who are in the true unity of the Spirit with their fellow communicants (I Corinthians 1:10), we admit to the Lord's Table only those of our fellowship.

*Hymn 200: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" (During distribution)*

*Easter Collect . . . . . Congregation: "Amen."*

*The Benediction of the Lord . . . . . Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"*

*Hymn 189: "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"*

*Organ Postlude: „Jesus, meine Zuversicht“ (J. G. Walther)*

## *Announcements for the Week*

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or emergency, please take a moment to call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study** here at the church, **532-4288**, at **home**, **532-9035**, or on his **cell**, **601-3943**.

**VISITORS** are always welcome to attend our services. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like our Pastor to contact you further. And please come again!

—Immediately following the service is our traditional **egg hunt** for the children, **outdoors** this year weather permitting. The children should first assemble in the front pews on the right hand side for a **picture** and also to get their **Easter baskets**. **A note about SYMBOLISM:** The **egg** as it hatches serves as a fitting reminder of our Savior's Resurrection from the cold, dark, and stony grave on Easter morning! Parents, be sure to impress this upon your little ones! Don't let the "Bunny" and candy treats steal the glory of this day from our risen Lord Jesus.

The **week ahead at-a-glance:** The catechumens get a short break from their classes this coming week. **Confirmation Classes** resume on Monday, **April 9th**.

## Next Sunday, April 8th **Quasimodogeniti**

— 8:30 a.m., **Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** for all.

— 10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service**, also for all.

— Following the service, our **Fellowship Potluck Luncheon** and the **Regular Voters' Meeting** for April.

**A Blessed Easter to All of You in our Risen Savior!**