

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place

Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021



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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Hymn 190: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!"

The Sermon.: Eisenach Gospel Text: Matthew 28:1-10

Theme: Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!

I. An act of triumph,

II. A message of joy,

III. A mission of hope,

IV. A seal of assurance.

Organ Offertory: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" (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)

Closing 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. We appreciate your cooperation in observing our Covid-19 safety protocols. 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 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 Tuesday, **April 13th**.

Next Sunday, April 11th

Quasimodogeniti

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

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

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